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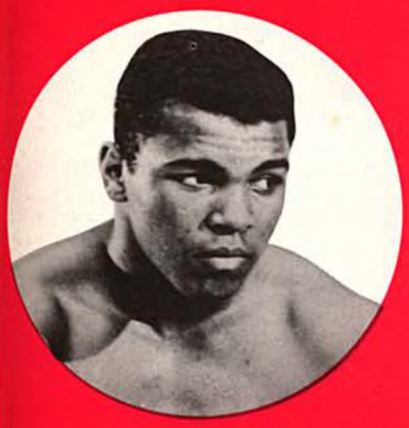

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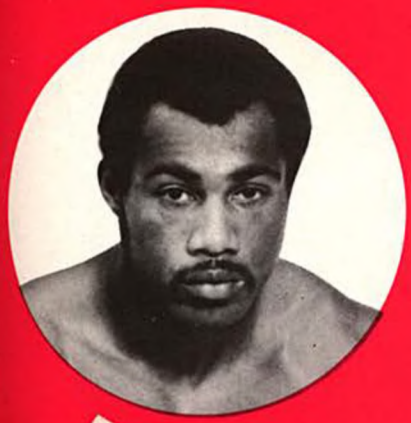

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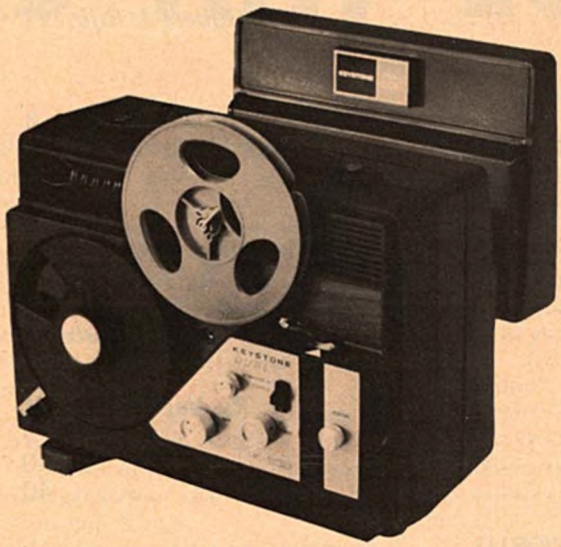

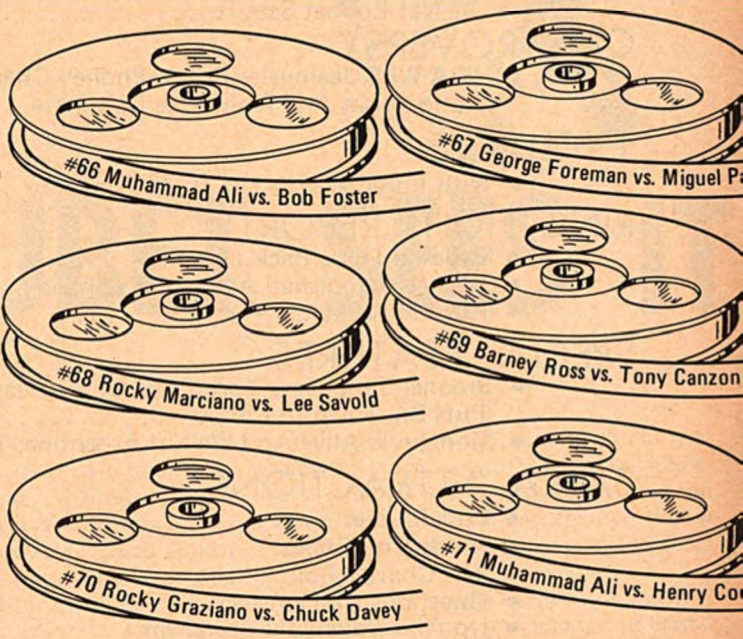

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AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

SOME time back, during a session of The Ring Magazine's Rating Committee, it struck me that it would be a fine idea to publish monthly rankings of boxers of the United States, as well as the designations of champions of this country, world titleholders excluded.

The idea was thrown to the Rating Committee and ultimately was adopted by that group.

Not long thereafter, Teddy Brenner, of New York's Madison Square Garden, called a press conference and announced that his organization was setting up U.S. titleholders and ratings.

The Ring's first lists of ratings and champions of American fighters already had gone to press.

In short, the minds of Teddy Brenner and Nat Loubet had run in the same channel.

The Ring is delighted to admit Brenner to partnership in the idea, with Ring priority.

However, beyond that The Ring intends to follow its own impressions as to the identities of U.S. champions and their proper places in the listing of U.S. boxers.

It is interesting and important that the idea has received widespread approbation.

It is eminently fitting that the listing of U.S. champions, and the rating of U.S. boxers, exclusively, should originate in the offices of The Ring Magazine.

It was Nat Fleischer who first published this magazine in 1922, who originated the practice of publishing annual ratings of the fighters of the world, and it was Fleischer who first issued the monthly ratings which appear with regularity and worldwide respect in The Ring Magazine issue after issue.

There are fighters galore in the United States, fighters of high skill and reputation. But they have not received the acclaim and attention which properly belongs to them. The Ring promises to the fighters of the U.S. their just dues and the full attention which their abilities merit.

The Ring Magazine expects little, if any, cooperation from the World Boxing Association, Bobby Lee, president, and the World Boxing Council, Ramon Velasquez, president.

Not so long ago, a leading news agency sent out a report, from Seattle, that the WBA and the WBC had held a joint meeting there, agreed to act together on championships and other important matters, and to issue joint monthly ratings of the top five boxers in each division.

It was stressed that both Lee and Velasquez had attended the Seattle conference and that henceforth peace would reign in worldwide boxing circles.

A few days later Velasquez announced that he had not attended the conference and that he had not been a signatory to any pact with Lee and the WBA.

The New York Commission immediately announced that having followed the ratings of The Ring in the past and found them accurate and trustworthy, it intended to continue to accept The Ring lists.

There is a crying need for a strong, healthy, highly respected, unbiased international boxing organization.

There is no need for a second international organization.

But agreement, peace, unity, logic, unprejudiced decisions and absence of bias are needed. There appears to be no prospect for any such organization.

Dig into the decisions of the WBC and the WBA and you will find that they actually do not recognize George Foreman as the world heavyweight champion. Why? Because they did not sanction the Frazier-Foreman fight as a title contest.

When Lee was elected president of the WBA, The Ring promised to help him in every way to clean up world boxing.

The WBA situation has improved but it still lacks logic and wisdom.

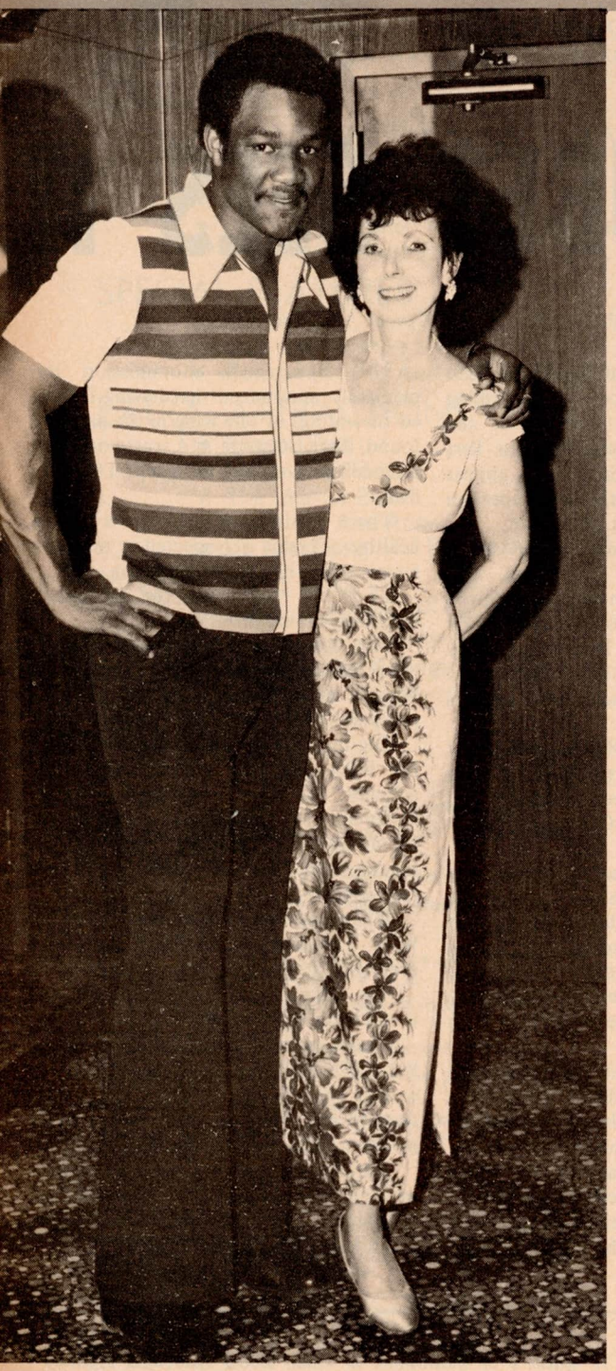
There are too many members of the WBA who represent no state, city or county boxing organization. Pay your dues to the WBA and that makes you a member and a part of a hoax.

Nationalism is not needed or wanted in the world boxing situation, Dr. Velasquez. Let the best man win, regardless of his place of origin.

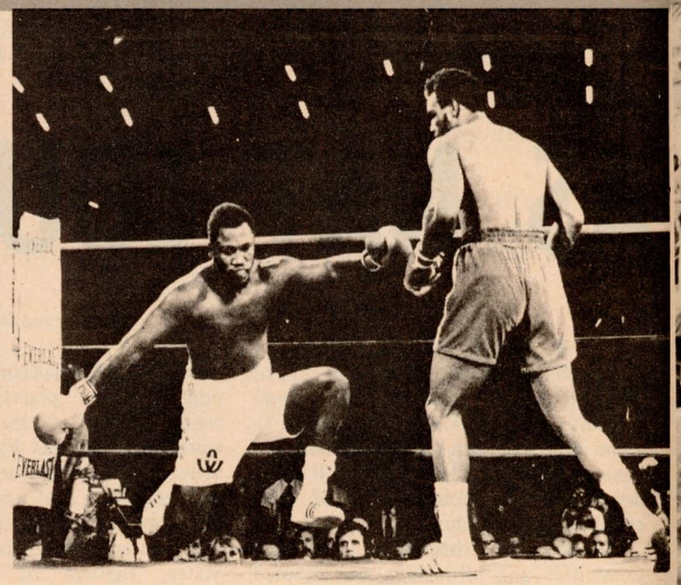
WITH FOREMAN, IT'S U.S.A. ALL THE WAY

EXCLUSIVE!!

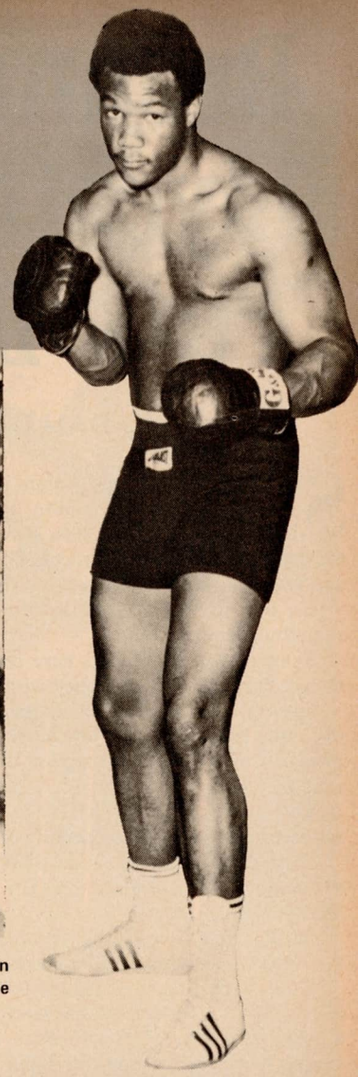
By SHIRLEY NORMAN



Nattily-dressed George Foreman poses with Shirley Norman, the first woman to interview the current heavyweight champion, an exclusive for The Ring.



Here's Frazier going down in the second round as big George is well on his way to gaining the title.



(Above) Foreman reaches out to shake hands with some young admirers on George Foreman Day in Houston. (Right) The menacing figure that opponents see in the ring. (Below) Frazier's knees buckle from the effects of Foreman's blows just before the two-round knockout at Jamaica.

LAS VEGAS, NEV. – He calls himself: "George Foreman – The Fighting Champ".

He's the man who tossed the boxing world on its ear when he knocked Joe Frazier on his back in the title fight of January 22, 1973 – at Kingston, Jamaica. Decked Joe six times in two rounds.

Foreman's astounding demolition of Frazier gave the world a new heavyweight champion – a handsome, hulking, yet humble man whose feelings about his life and his title differ greatly from those of his predecessors.

George Foreman displays none of the arrogance of Ali. . .nor the feistiness of Frazier. He is, instead, in the cast of a Joe Louis – soft-spoken. . .unassuming. . .and deeply grateful for the honor of being heavyweight champion of the world.

He wears his title like a kid wears his first pair of long pants – proud as a peacock – yet still not completely used to the adulation and attention that has come with it.

Since winning the crown, Foreman's boxing activities have been limited to exhibitions. Foreman will defend his title against Joe King Roman in Tokyo.

On April 28, 1973. . .George Foreman brought his now-famous presence to Las Vegas. . .where he boxed a five-round exhibition for the guests at a $1,000 per table charity banquet. Proceeds went to the American Cancer Society. . .and to the John Howard Society for Prison Reform.

The champ had risen at 5 a.m. this Saturday morning to board a plane in his home town of Houston, Texas. At 9 a.m. he strode off the plane at Las Vegas, McCarran Airport; and seemed both surprised and delighted to be met by a regiment of reporters and photographers.

Standing 6 feet 3 inches and 230 pounds (13 more than his fighting weight of 217). . .Foreman is an imposing figure. His muscular physique is so perfectly proportioned he might well be likened to a black Hercules. His darkly handsome features are adorned by a wide moustache. . . and topped by a modified Afro hairstyle.

With his newly-acquired wealth, Foreman dresses like a fashion plate. . .and was attired this morning in a sports outfit of his favorite color: burgundy. The outfit consisted of a superbly tailored knit sports shirt and slacks – and hand-crafted boots of matching burgundy suede and patent leather.

When he detects a friend, Foreman is genial, gracious, and easily engaged in conversation. This female columnist was treated to a press conference preview. . .as we walked with the champ from the airport ramp to his limousine.

The King of the Ring talked readily while we walked. . .about his life. . .his family. . .and the joys of his recently-won title.

After a few hours' rest, Foreman held court at a press conference in the executive suite of Las Vegas' Circus-Circus Hotel – the site of that evening's exhibition bouts.

Foreman was surrounded by his personal entourage,

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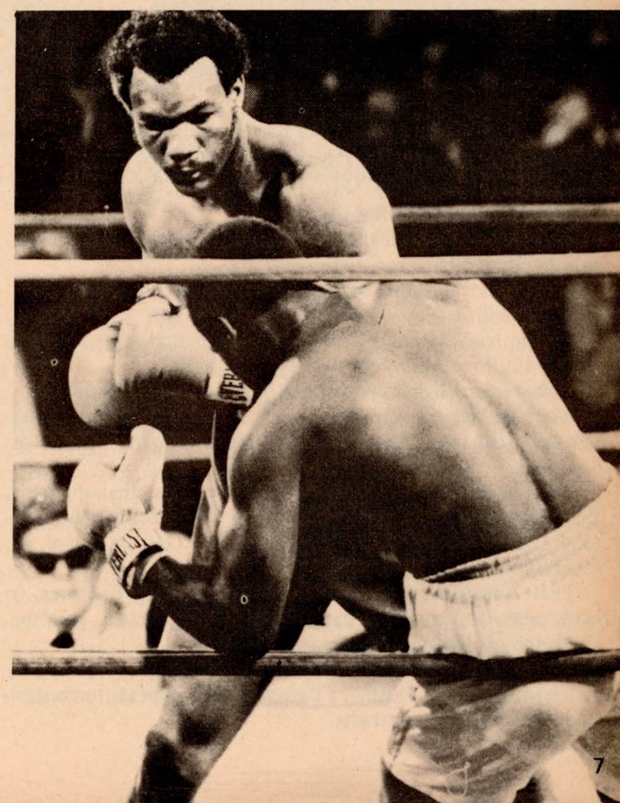


Brenner Jinx, New York Boycott by Heavyweights, Puts Big Town in Limbo

By DAN DANIEL

SOMEWHERE in boxing there is a little man who delights in sticking little pins into a little figure representing Teddy Brenner, fistic boss at New York's Madison Square Garden. This is a mystic process known in Hawaii as a kahuna and in other places as the jinx and the whammie.

No sooner does Brenner set up an important match than something happens to it.

Some of the bout-killers have been fantastic. For example, he had Earnie Shavers matched with Jerry Quarry.

Shavers, hitherto hidden in the deep recesses of Ohio and environs, ventured into New York and made himself a fistic cynosure with a knockout victory over Jimmy Ellis, in the first round.

This success entitled Shavers to a fight with Quarry, and it appeared that things were perking up in the Garden.

Then the Hawaiian kahuna went to work. Shavers suffered a compound fracture of the jaw in a workout with Jeff Merritt.

At the same time it was reported that Quarry had suffered face cuts which had necessitated seven stitches.

What with Brenner's failure to induce Roberto Duran to leave Panama to defend his world lightweight title against Esteban DeJesus, of Puerto Rico and New York, who had beaten Roberto in a non-title fight, and other evidences of the deadly kahuna, Brenner found that the path of his succession to Harry Markson as Garden director was strewn with deadly handicaps and loaded with poisonous miasma.

Brenner came close to seeing his DeJesus-Lampkin fight called off, too. That would have been the last straw.

The mystery of Lampkin's poor showing in the last seven heats of the 12-round fight was solved some days later when it was revealed that Ray was suffering from a gall bladder infection in a Portland hospital.

It was reported that the infection had hurt Lampkin for six months. Incredible.

It is conceivable that against that handicap, Lampkin might have been killed.

On the basis of Lampkin's illness, a rematch after Ray has achieved full recovery doubtless suggests itself.

However, the lightweight situation is in an awful muddle.

While he was recovering from the Shavers mishap, Brenner was said to have arranged a fight between Quarry and Oscar Bonavena.

But this, too, fell apart. Bonavena declared that the New York State Tax Department owed him $70,000. He could not collect, so he cancelled New York and the Garden out of his itinerary.

That Bonavena, who has suffered two hand fractures, is ready and fit for a big fight is not at all certain. But the philosophy is that he is better than nothing.

The dope is that George Foreman and Bonavena are being matched by Loren Cassina, a Canadian who appears to control George's television contracts.

(Above) Teddy Brenner, president of Madison Square Garden Boxing, is smiling here—but not lately. (Below) Heavyweight king George Foreman appears to be pondering his next move.

The entire neavyweight situation marks the collapse of New York as the world fight center and foretells slow and arduous recovery.

Foreman is the first heavyweight champion who has instituted a boycott against New York. And no wonder.

Gotham was the focal point of heavyweight activity just as soon as the anti-fight laws in the big city were abolished in the 1890's.

The current boycott traces to the drastic state tax laws imposed on visiting fighters. When Joe Frazier met Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) in the Garden in 1971, the tax grabbers appeared within 12 hours to claim $348,000 from each fighter. Boxing cannot live in New York under such fiscal restrictions.

In some instances heavyweight business has been handled with intelligence and first class opportunism.

But in some cases, notably that of George Foreman, the world champion has been allowed to fall into a lacklustre position. He has not helped orally.

Just why Foreman continues to be laggard in cashing in on his title, exhibitions excepted and even these poorly run, is a mystery.

It is conceivable that the dismissal of Dick Sadler as manager and Foreman's taking over as his own pilot, have had much to do with this lack of business acumen.

There is an unsubstantiated belief in some places that Foreman feels that moving slowly is the safest policy. That the champion lacks confidence is not to be believed. What he did to Frazier in less than six minutes was awesome.

New York sources insist that Foreman will fight Bonavena in that city.

There also are reports that, having gone 15 rounds with Clay and 12 rounds with Frazier, Joe Bugner, champion of Europe, is ready for Foreman.

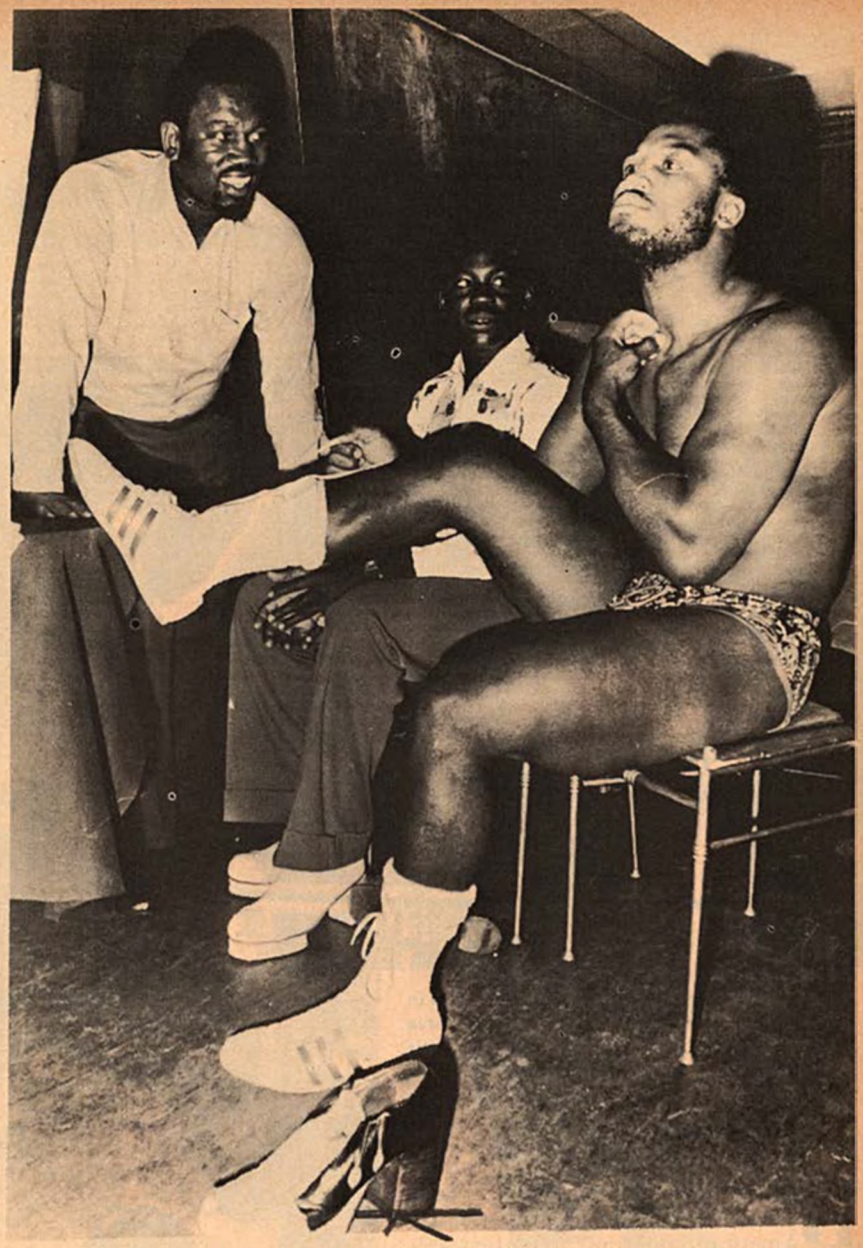
A Foreman-Bugner fight would draw big in London, New York, Los Angeles or Houston.

If only he could hit harder, the Hungarian could command his own price. But his power is wanting. That he can take a punch presumably was demonstrated when he was knocked down in the 10th round by Frazier.

Where does all this leave Joe Frazier? He is not going to get a bout with Foreman in the foreseeable future and there seems to be no move in the direction of a revival of Frazier-Clay talk.

It would appear that Jack Kent Cooke still has a legal hold on Joe and Ali.

New York would go all out financially to get the fight and the Garden would lift the money bars quite a distance. But there is no conversation about them, except insofar as Ali's Indonesia tour is concerned.



Joe Frazier, the ex-heavyweight boss, prepares for a training session, being watched by brother Tom and son Marvis, 12. Though he defeated Joe Bugner, it does not appear that he'll get a chance at Foreman in the near future. Also, there does not seem to be any move to match him with Ali-Clay.

There still is a lot of interest in this fight even if neither man is champion. The Garden is the place for it.

Just what Jack Kent Cooke hopes to do with the Frazier-Ali contract is a secret he refuses to reveal. Perhaps he has a notion that the fight will revive itself and that when Ali gets down to the end of the line the time will have come for Joe and him to settle their old rivalry.

In the meanwhile Time is working on Frazier and Clay—and Cookes' contract, which is not in perpetuity. It may be that eventually the fight will be offered as an antique, a relic of the days when two ill-adivsed fighters let $6,400,000 run down the drain while they debated over the greatest prospective promotion in the history of boxing.

Will that situation come back? Will we ever again see two fighters and a promoter haggling over $6,400,000 again?

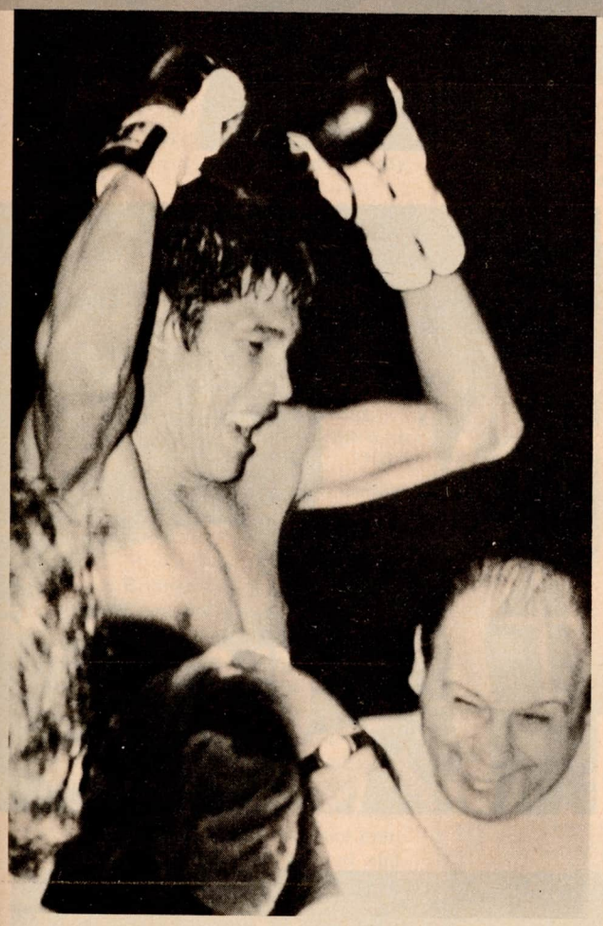
Time answers, "Not a chance!"

Boxing had its greatest chance of all time and it somehow got the idea that it will survive their playing around with a fortune.

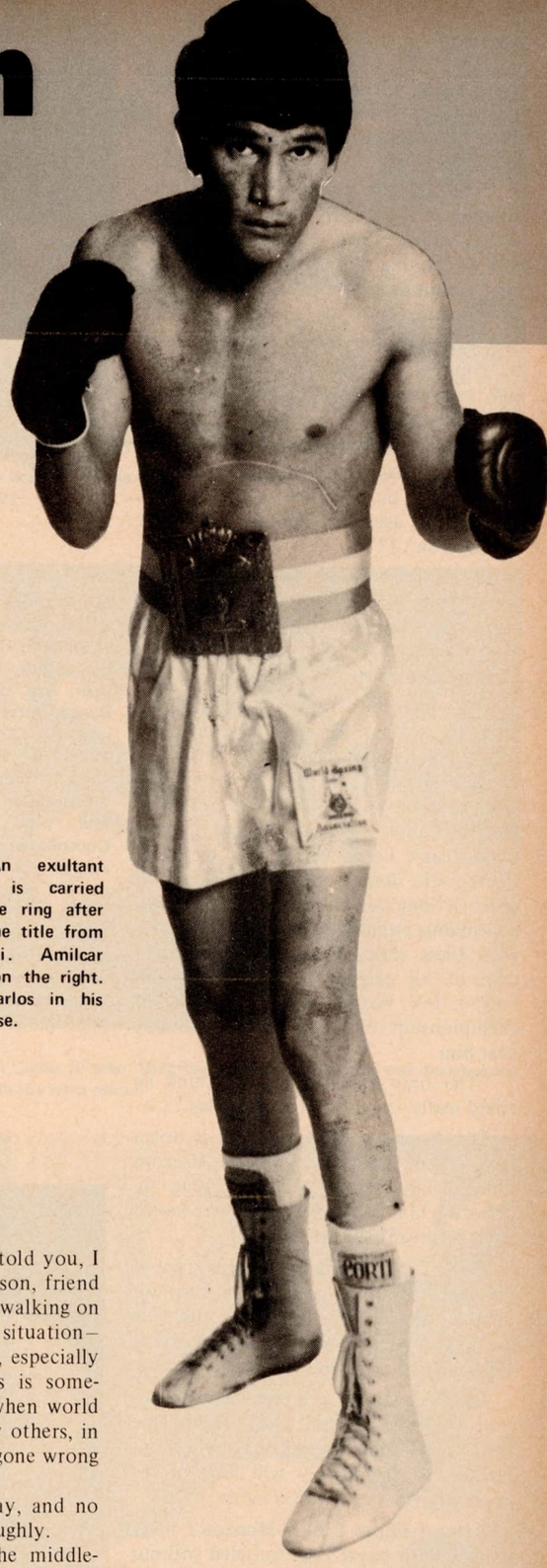
One thing is certain. George Foreman and no other fighter now in the limelight ever will get a crack at a $3,000,000 possibility.

Monzon Is Alive And Well In Argentina, Talks Retirement

Here is Carlos Monzon's hand being held up in victory after stopping Nino Benvenuti in three rounds in Monte Carlo in 1971. It was their second meeting.



(Left) An exultant Monzon is carried around the ring after winning the title from Benvenuti. Amilcar Brusa is on the right. (Right) Carlos in his fighting pose.



By MARIO A. GRU

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina – Like other South American and Central American countries, Argentina welcomed professional boxing rather late. It did not get much notice fistically until Luis Angel Firpo invaded the United States and, unfortunately, was knocked out by Jack Dempsey in 1923.

However, despite the comparative youth of Argentinian boxing, we have had some great fighters. Maybe the best of them all is Carlos Monzon, the current middleweight champion of the world.

The big question about Monzon no longer is "How good is he?" but how much longer is he going to remain in the ring.

He talks a lot about quitting. He plans to fight again with France's Jean Claude Bouttier, whom he stopped in 12 rounds at Paris on June 17, 1972.

New York, Buenos Aires, London, Sydney, and Los Angeles would pay high to see Monzon defend his title against Tony Mundine, of Australia. But Carlos says he has no intention of meeting the Aussie.

Monzon watches Benvenuti take the count in the 12th round of their first contest in Rome in 1970. Carlos won the middleweight crown from Nino.

Monzon plans to retire at the end of 1973 and he is intent on quitting the ring undefeated champion of the world at 160 pounds.

Only recently, Monzon flew to New York and received the Boxing Writers Association "Fighter of the Year" award. He already had received a similar citation from Ring Magazine.

Monzon, 30, married and father of two children, is a man of powerful build. Even though he is not a Rock Hudson type, women fall for him. He is devoted to his own.

He is likeable, somehow shy. His inner personality was well expressed by somebody who knows him pretty well–discoverer, father-pal, trainer Amilcar Brusa.

Asked about his pupil, Amilcar replied: "I consider Carlos Monzon an undemonstrative man, whose personality shows seldom. I'll explain myself better. He is a good guy, a good friend of his friends and especially of the ones who gave him a hand when in need. He is not a man to express his feelings easily. You have to know him intimately to guess them. Most of the people who meet him think they know him, but that's not so. And if this happens a few days before a fight, he looks sullen, clammy, saying only a few words from time to time. He's nervous when people not from his inner circle are around him. But it is understandable and people should realize the nervous state he is in.

"To support my words you should have seen him last March in Venezuela, where he travelled with me, manager Tito Lectoure, and a group of boxing writers of Argentina, to be present at the fight of Argentine Nicolino Loche against world champion Kid Pambele Cervantes.

"He was then a different man–friendly, amiable with everybody, throwing jokes here and there and laughing at funny ones said by the others. In a few simple words–a very likeable guy.

"And to put together all I told you, I define my pupil as a good person, friend of his friends, loyal. He is not walking on clouds because of his present situation–and everyone knows very well, especially the boxing game people–this is something very difficult to avoid when world fame flirts with a boxer. Many others, in his outstanding position, have gone wrong in that direction."

Very sound words, we'd say, and no doubt, Brusa knows him thoroughly.

The world champion of the middleweights started his career in 1959 as an amateur, and turned professional in 1963. His debut in "big league" dates from 1966.

As an amateur he had 87 fights. As a professional he has had 95.

He is considered by some–his manager among them–as a technical boxer, even though unorthodox because of his personal way of acting in the ring. But some experts have said he doesn't move his legs right, and lacks good arm and leg co-ordination.

About such remarks, his trainer Brusa argues: "How can a fighter with all these shortcomings keep his face unmarked,

with not a single fall during his career."

"Above all, how can it be that all his rivals—many with powerful punches and quite clever—couldn't beat him, with so many fights and years in-between since he got the crown?

"The answer would be that Carlos Monzon is a different kind of technician with a strong punch plus a very personal way of boxing. We saw him, during his light trainings, tear away a punching bag from its hinges."

When we interviewed Carlos, he said he considers, as his best fight, the first one with Emile Griffith. His best rival, Jean-Claude Bouttier.

"The American Bennie Briscoe," said Monzon, "was the toughest I'd ever runned into in my whole career. It was like fighting against a Sherman Tank. But I won, didn't I?"

In reference with his techniques in fighting, he said he never uses a routine offensive. He is not always the same Carlos Monzon. He plans according to the techniques used by his opponents.

To widen our technical analysis of Monzon, we talked with retired undefeated world flyweight title claimant Horacio Acavallo, 37, married—wife, two girls, who knows what he's talking about. He sees Carlos this way: "In my opinion Carlos can't be called really a technical fighter. He hasn't enough strength to resist a long match, and he assimilates continuous punching very little. But, even with these shortcomings, he is the top man of his category because there are only a few boxers lined up for world championship challenge and none can beat him.

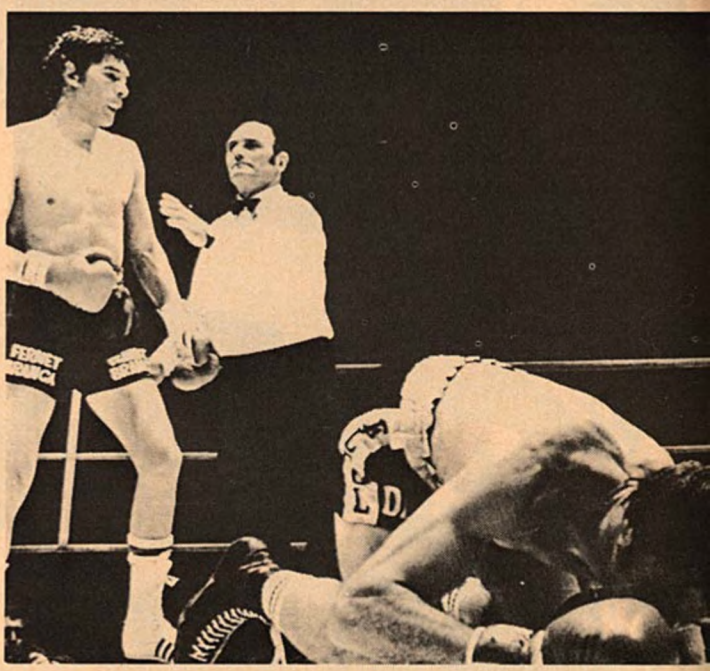
"The only one—but I don't think he could really—might be Jose Napoles."

For Acavallo, Emile Griffith is not a true rival of Monzon. As he said, Monzon showed him he is the better man by defeating him twice. Why does he consent to fight already defeated rivals?

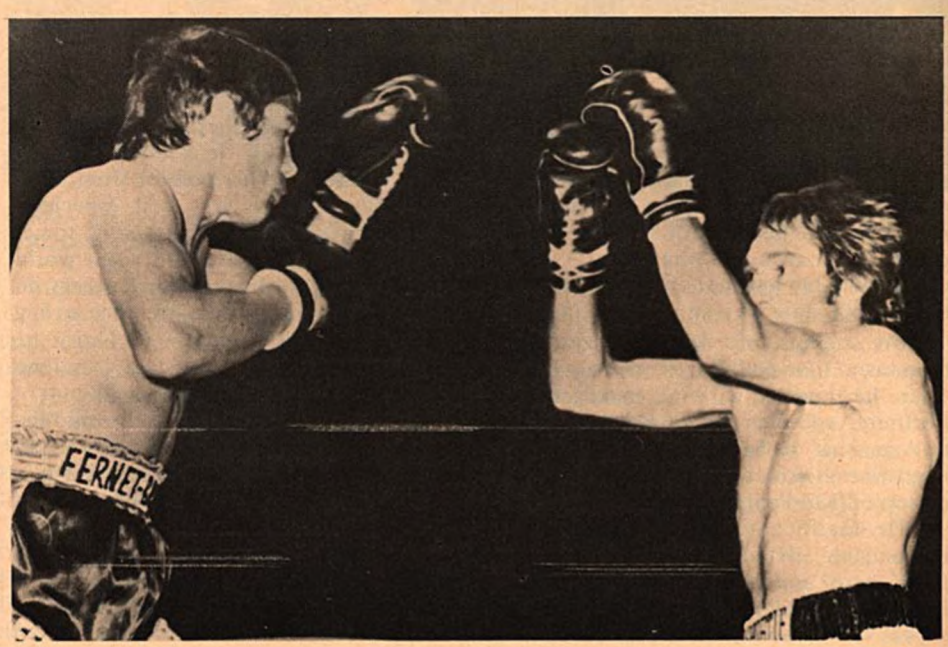
"Well," said Acavallo, "at this stage of his career, C.M. is preparing a mint for himself. He accepts fights for the title every 3, 4 or 5 months, and by doing them he earns a good pay day each time.

"The career of a boxer lasts a short time, and each one who gets to the top—as he did—has to see to fill his pockets so the money will last for the rainy days that come afterwards. . ."

After training Carlos Monzon's body glistens with sweat Hair touseled without the face protector, mouth free of mouth protector, and a towel over his shoulders. C.M. and this reporter sit carelessly on a table in a corner of the gym. Our photographer is busy around us. The sounds of a gym is our background for the direct-to-the-point question session. The following were his replies:



(Above) Monzon lands a hard right to the head of Emile Griffith during the eighth round of their first contest in Buenos Aires in 1971, won by Carlos via a TKO in the 14th. (Right) Tom Bogs hits the canvas on one of his four trips there in Copenhagen as the referee tells Monzon to go to a neutral corner. Carlos won by a TKO. (Below) Monzon, left, in action against Jean-Claude Bouttier whom he stopped in 12 in Paris in 1972.



Q. – Do you feel that the world championship opened up wider perspectives for your life?

C.M. – Of course. It was my life opportunity to reach all I wanted in life through my ring career. It also afforded me the seldom given chance to be in other life levels, far away from my own limited poor start, meeting many outstanding persons.

Q. – As an idol of crowds and therefore a public figure, do you engage yourself in social work such as Brazilian world soccer star Pele and world car racing champion Fittipaldi do in their country?

C.M. – I don't like to be in the public's eye that way, but I believe I'm doing things for the people of my country.

Q. – Would you teach boxing to newcomers?

C.M. – No.

Q. – What do you think about your rivals? Are they professionals against whom you oppose your boxing knowledge, or are they enemies whom you have to knock out?

C.M. – My enemies of the moment.

Q. – In your opinion, who are the best boxers of today?

C.M. – Emile Griffith and Cassius Clay.

Q. – ...And the best Latin Americans?

C.M. – Rodrigo Valdez, Eder Jofre, and Victor Echegaray.

About our boxer, promoter Tito Lectoure gave us these comments:

"Carlos Monzon, as world champion of the middleweights, is the mirror which the Argentines who like to see or practice sports look at. He is the example of what a champion should be, a sportsman who takes care of himself. Look at him. Everybody in sport should act like him. He doesn't take rivals for granted and prepares himself thoroughly before each fight.

"In boxing circles, trainers and managers come to him for advice. He got where he is because he is a dedicated boxer and listens to advice."

"I wouldn't know,"–adds Lectoure– "what his rivals think of C.M. because I'm not one of his rivals but I wouldn't be wrong in guessing what his rivals would think when they confront him. They would be facing one of the toughest outstanding world figures, and would be careful to be as far as possible from punch distance because they know that if they're hit by him they can be sure they'd become fair game for C.M. who's a guy who won't let go till the finish.

"What I do know is what we think of him. I consider myself a friend of C.M. and a close collaborator of his since his early professional days. I do not consider

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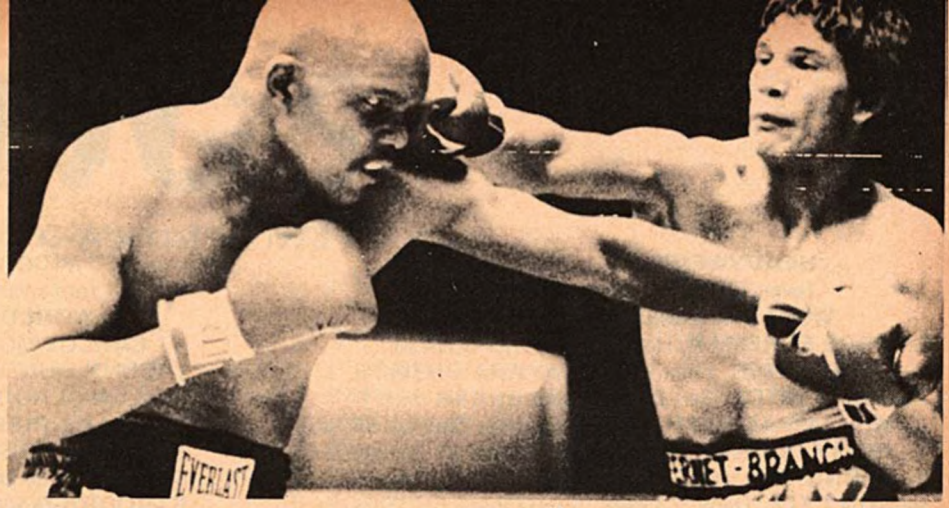
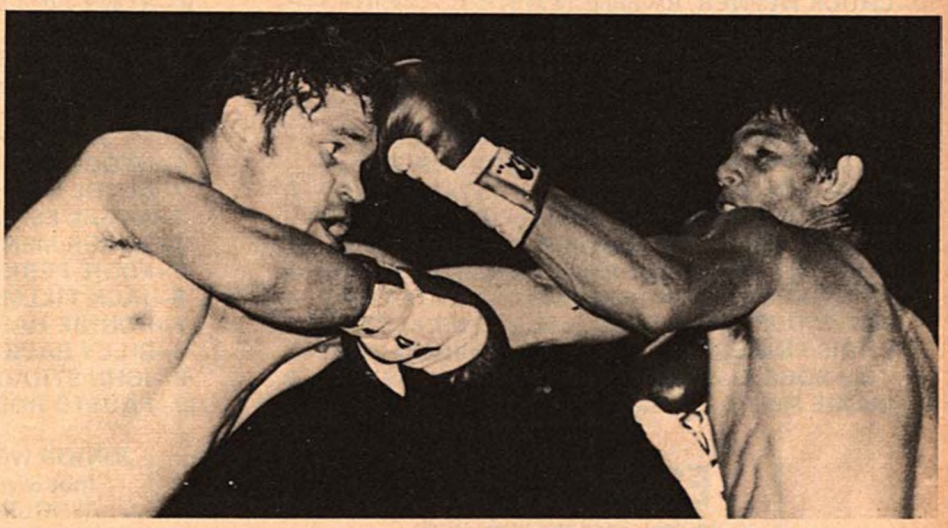


Monzon lands a solid right to the head of Bennie Briscoe during their 15-rounder in Buenos Aires, won by Carlos on a decision in 1972.



Denny Moyer trades punches with Carlos in their 1972 bout in Rome. Monzon was declared the victor when the bout was stopped in the fifth round.

Monzon is shown relaxing in a hotel room in Rome, traveling there after defeating Bouttier in Paris.

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 15, 1973

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
GEORGE FOREMAN, Hayward, Calif.
1–**JOE FRAZIER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2–**KEN NORTON,** San Diego, Calif.
3–**MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY),** Cherry Hill, N.J.
4–**JERRY QUARRY,** Los Angeles, Calif.
5–**EARNIE SHAVERS,** Warren, Ohio
6–**RON LYLE,** Denver, Colo.
7–**JIMMY ELLIS,** Louisville, Ky.
8–**ERNIE TERRELL,** Chicago, Ill.
9–**JOSE ROMAN,** Puerto Rico
10–**CHUCK WEPNER,** Bayonne, N.J.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BOB FOSTER, Washington, D.C.
1–**PIERRE FOURIE,** South Africa
2–**JOHN CONTEH,** England
3–**LEN HUTCHINS,** Detroit, Mich.
4–**VICTOR GALINDEZ,** Argentina
5–**DON FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
6–**ANDY KENDALL,** Portland, Ore.
7–**JIMMY DUPREE,** Jersey City, N.J.
8–**CHRIS FINNEGAN,** England
9–**TOM BOGS,** Denmark
10–**MAXIE SMITH,** England

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina
1–**TONY MUNDINE,** Australia
2–**JEAN-CLAUDE BOUTTIER,** France
3–**EMILE GRIFFITH,** New York, N.Y.
4–**BENNIE BRISCOE,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5–**MIGUEL de OLIVIERA,** Brazil
6–**RODRIGO VALDEZ,** Colombia
7–**BUNNY STERLING,** England
8–**KOICHI WAJIMA,** Japan
9–**CHARKEY RAMON,** Australia
10–**TONY LICATA,** New Orleans, La.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1–**HEDGEMON LEWIS,** Detroit, Mich.
2–**CLYDE GRAY,** Canada
3–**ANGEL ESPADA,** San Juan, Puerto Rico
4–**ROGER MENETREY,** France
5–**EDDIE PERKINS,** Chicago, Ill.
6–**JACK TILLMAN,** Mobile, Ala.
7–**RONNIE HARRIS,** Detroit, Mich.
8–**BILLY BACKUS,** Syracuse, N.Y.
9–**JOHN STRACEY,** England
10–**FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ,** Dominican Rep.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia
1–**BRUNO ARCARI,** Italy
2–**CARLOS GIMENEZ,** Argentina
3–**ALFONSO FRAZER,** Panama
4–**ROGER ZAMI,** France
5–**TONY ORTIZ,** Spain
6–**VICTOR ORTIZ,** Puerto Rico
7–**TURK KAMACI,** Turkey
8–**PIERO CERU,** Italy
9–**MARIO GUILLOTI,** Argentina
10–**HECTOR THOMPSON,** Australia

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN, Panama
1–**ESTEBAN DeJESUS,** Puerto Rico
2–**KEN BUCHANAN,** Scotland
3–**JIMMY HEAIR,** Los Angeles, Calif.
4–**RAY LAMPKIN,** Portland, Ore.
5–**RODOLFO GONZALEZ,** Long Beach, Calif.
6–**OULD MAKLOUFI,** France
7–**HUGO GUTIERREZ,** Argentina
8–**ANTONIO PUDDU,** Italy
9–**CHANGO CARMONA,** Mexico
10–**ANDRIES STEYN,** South Africa

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
KUNIAKI SHIBATA, Japan
1–**SAMMY GOSS,** Trenton, N.J.
2–**FRANKIE OTERO,** Miami, Fla.
3–**LOVE ALLOTEY,** Ghana
4–**VICTOR ECHEGARAY,** Argentina
5–**LOTHAR ABEND,** Germany
6–**BEN VILLAFLOR,** Philippines
7–**RICARDO ARREDONDO,** Mexico
8–**ALFREDO MARCANO,** Venezuela
9–**MIGUEL RIASCO,** Panama
10–**WALTER SEELEY,** Sayville, N.Y.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1–**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
2–**BERT NABALATAN,** Philippines
3–**DANNY LOPEZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
4–**RUBEN OLIVARES,** Mexico
5–**ERNESTO MARCEL,** Panama
6–**BOBBY CHACON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7–**JOSE LEGRA,** Spain
8–**ARNOLD TAYLOR,** South Africa
9–**ANTONIO (GITANO) JIMENEZ,** Spain
10–**RIGOBERTO RIASCO,** Panama

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROMERO ANAYA, Mexico
1–**RAFAEL HERRERA,** Mexico
2–**JOSE CASAS,** Argentina
3–**JOHNNY CLARK,** England
4–**ENRIQUE PINDER,** Panama
5–**RODOLFO MARTINEZ,** Mexico
6–**PAUL FERRERI,** Australia
7–**BENICIO SOSA,** Argentina
8–**DAVE NEEDHAM,** England
9–**CHUCHO CASTILLO,** Mexico
10–**PADDY MAGUIRE,** Ireland

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
VENICE BORKORSOR, Thailand
1–**CHARTCHAI CHIONOI,** Thailand
2–**MIGUEL CANTO,** Mexico
3–**BETULIO GONZALEZ,** Venezuela
4–**HENRY NISSEN,** Australia
5–**ERBITO SALVARRIA,** Philippines
6–**FRITZ CHERVET,** Switzerland
7–**TONY MORENO,** San Antonio, Texas
8–**COSTENITO MORALES,** Mexico
9–**SUSUMU HANAGATA,** Japan
10–**VICENTE POOL,** Mexico

ESTEBAN DE JESUS FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

HAVING beaten Ray Lampkin for the second time this year, Esteban DeJesus, of Puerto Rico, outstanding contender for the world lightweight title held by Roberto Duran, has the distinction of being the Fighter of the Month twice within six months.

DeJesus holds a decision over Duran, in New York, and is entitled to a shot at the world championship. However, terms offered in Panama for a championship fight are considered ridiculous and indicate no desire on Roberto's part to swap punches with Esteban.

Duran has ignored a contract to fight in Madison Square Garden.

The New York Commission therefore wants DeJesus to fight Ken Buchanan for the world title with the man from Panama on the outside.

This scheme of stripping Duran on the basis of breaking a business contract is not in line with The Ring's policy of having world titles won and lost in the ring.

However, the Panama policy of not letting Duran lay his title on the line outside of Panama is highly irregular and obviously is in need of correction.

Duran's position is made insecure because, as titleholder, in a non-championship contest, he was beaten by DeJesus in New York.

Duran cannot continue to protect himself behind national barriers.

Cancellation of the Jerry Quarry-Earnie Shavers fight in Madison Square Garden leaves the centers of heavyweight action in other locales as far off as Indo-China.

Shavers was sidelined by a double fracture of the jaw, suffered in a training camp workout with Jeff Merritt. This cancelled what had been expected to be a rousing battle in New York.

It was reported that not only had Shavers been hurt but Quarry also had suffered cuts which would have kept him sidelined.

Believe it or not, there is talk of Chuck Wepner, on the basis of his decision over Ernie Terrell, getting a fight in the Garden.

The Wepner decision over Terrell, which most ringside critics failed to support, continues to keep New Jersey fight circles agog. It has been suggested that the principals have a rematch.

If this idea is ignored it is not likely that the heavyweight situation will be torn asunder.

Examination of the ratings shows that The Ring again has kept the featherweight championship open.

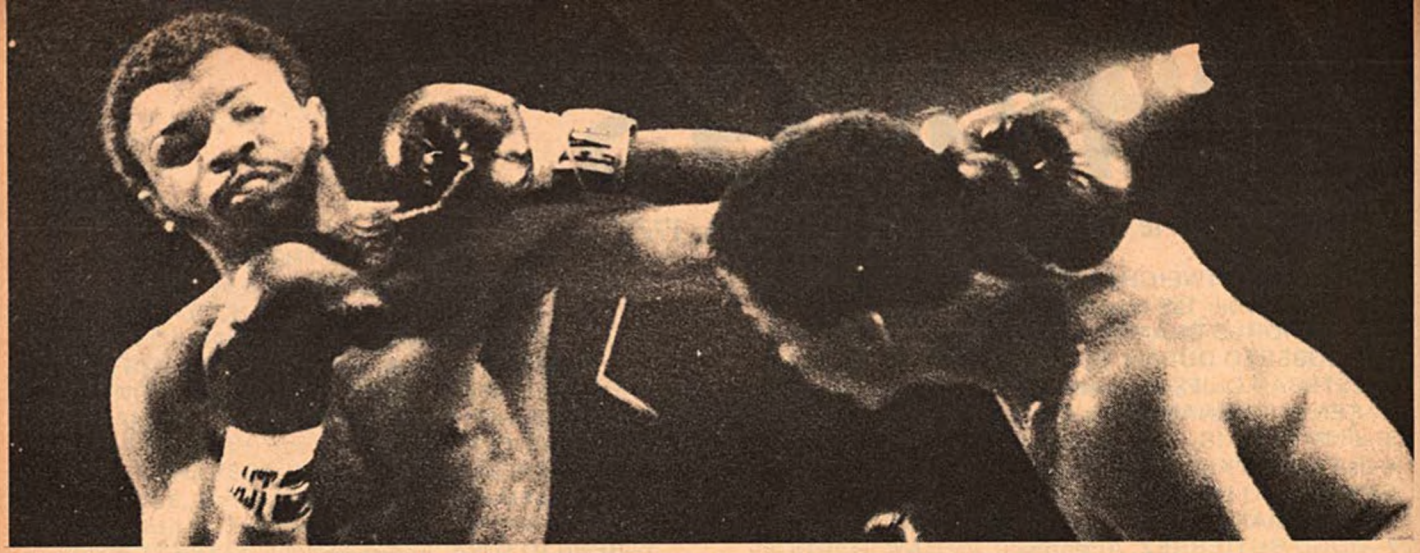
Veteran Eder Jofre, the Patterson of the lighter weights, insists that he is the feather champion but he lacks the necessary support of the record book.

Nor is Panama's claim in favor of Ernesto Marcel backed by the necessary evidence.

Marcel has been upped to No. 5 while Danny Lopez, of Los Angeles, has been moved into No. 3 with Jofre the top contender, followed by Bert Nabalatan.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Name	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Howard Smith Los Angeles, Cal.	5/71	15	14	1	0	10
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Bob Stewart San Bernardino, Cal.	11/72	4	4	0	0	2
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Leo Saenz Baltimore, Md.	4/73	4	4	0	0	3
WELTERWEIGHT						
Andy Price San Diego, Calif.	10/72	11	9	0	2	2
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Luis Hernandez Mexico	9/72	10	9	0	1	4
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Frank Benitez Puerto Rico	5/73	4	4	0	0	4
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Edgar Cabalhin Philippines (U.S. record)	12/72	6	4	1	1	3
FLYWEIGHT						
Max Contado Hawaii	4/73	3	3	0	0	0



Ray Lampkin (left) and Esteban DeJesus mix it up during their 12-rounder at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum. DeJesus won a unanimous decision.

DE JESUS TURNS BACK LAMPKIN

By JOHN ORT

ESTEBAN DeJESUS, 135, Puerto Rico, moved one step closer to the New York State version of the world lightweight championship with a close unanimous 12-round decision over Ray Lampkin, 133½, Portland, Oregon.

The New York State Athletic Commission sanctioned this bout as an elimination contest, with the winner to box Scotland's Ken Buchanan for the "world title."

Roberto Duran, Panama, is the legal champion.

The New York Commission "stripped" Duran of the title when the champion refused to honor a contract to box Buchanan by June 30. Roberto defeated the Scotsman in June, 1972, via a kayo in 13.

Carlos Eleta, Duran's manager, offered both Buchanan and DeJesus shots at the crown—but in Panama. DeJesus felt that $15,000 was not enough to risk a bout in Roberto's native land.

Buchanan, on the other hand, has two roads to travel. One: he can box DeJesus in Madison Square Garden for the New York "world title;" two: he can go to Los Angeles to fight W.B.C. "king" Rodolfo Gonzalez. Moneywise, both offers are better than the one he received from Duran's people to box in Panama.

Esteban DeJesus' people in San Juan, Puerto Rico, made Roberto an offer of $100,000 to box there. There's also a possibility of Esteban moving up in weight class, boxing Antonio Cervantes in Puerto Rico for the junior welterweight title. San Juan promoter Pedro Montano is trying to put together these bouts.

The bout between DeJesus-Lampkin was not one of the better ones for either boxer. Rounds 1 through 4, the bout was Lampkin's. The master boxer used his speed and a good left jab to build up an early lead.

DeJesus, looking slow and unsure, walked straight in, missing often. Ray was in command, moving around his man and jabbing with lefts and rights.

DeJesus is held up by one of his handlers after the decision was announced.

The turning point of the fight came in the fifth round when both men went into a clinch, Lampkin coming out with a bad right eye from an accidental butt. The eye didn't bleed but swelled almost closed as the bout went on, and seemed to take some of the starch out of Lampkin.

From the sixth round on it was all DeJesus, except for round 9. When the Portland tiger came out for the sixth he was no longer the master boxer. He started to retreat, moving

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WBA-WBC JEALOUSIES CREATE PHONEY CHAMPIONS, NATIONALISM AND PREJUDICES DOMINATE

By DON MAJESKI

NEVER before in the history of boxing have we had so much confusion regarding the true and legal holders of world championships.

What with rampant nationalism, jealousies between the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council, and lack of logic and

ERNESTO MARCEL

BRUNO ARCARI

ROMERO ANAYA

understanding, there are so called "title holders" galore, phoney champions and spurious claimants to a point at which there is unprecedented confusion.

Even the New York Commission, hitherto regarded as rational, has become involved in the melee, what with "stripping" Jose Napoles of his welterweight title and declaring Roberto Duran no longer lightweight titleholder because he has disregarded a contract with Madison Square Garden.

Eleven weight classifications are recognized by the WBA and WBC with no fewer than 17 "world champs" sanctioned by either one or the other, and conceivably more on the way.

This situation is not entirely new as, since the time of boxing's inception, there have been claimants to titles that were bogus. At times certain commissions have supported "favorite sons", favored usually, on a political basis.

Old timers may recall the perennial feuds between the National Boxing Association and the New York State Athletic Commission, which resulted in constant titular rifts. Even before these squabbles, prior to when bureaucrats ruled the roost, we had spurious claimants. But no matter how bad these situations were, nothing equalled the state of anarchy that prevails today.

The riddle of the Sphinx, the Minotaur's labyrinth or the plot of a Conan Doyle novel could not come close to matching the convoluted puzzle of the dual champs as concocted by WBA and WBC masters of plot.

What actually creates a "dual championship" situation in the first place? One of the most prevalent has been when a champion, usually an outstanding one, retires, thus leaving a dearth of challengers in his wake.

Every promoter, commission or manager in the world with a fighter in that class now races to get his hero into some phoney elimination.

Recollect the case of Mickey Walker, the great middleweight champion, who gave up his 160-pound crown in 1931 to be followed by no fewer than 14 men recognized by either the NBA, New York Commission or EBU (European Boxing Union) as "world champs".

When Muhammad Ali became a retired champion both Frazier and Ellis laid claim to the crown before Joe beat Jimmy and Ali, to set things straight.

Another situation leading to two men holding the same crown develops when the WBA or WBC yields to a dissident manager or promoter, lest an angry affiliate jump from one body to another.

As an example, let's say a promoter or manager is pushing for a certain fighter to get a title shot. He'll pressure his local commission to vacate a world title in that division which, in turn, will go before either the WBA or WBC and demand that they strip that world champ unless he gives their man a shot at the crown.

If the WBA or WBC refuses, the commission threatens to jump organizations. The current squabbles in the lightweight and junior divisions are direct results of just such political maneuvering.

Who are the "dual champions" and how did they come about? From the welterweight on up there is one universal champion in each division. Primarily the reason for this is that these fighters have, for the most part, been from the United States, boxers from this nation have dominated these divisions either as champions or challengers.

Now this is not to say that the U.S. is better than any other nation for the situation would be the same if fighters from another country completely dominated any one division. The reason that there is one champion in each of these classes is that the boxers have been relegated to one nation with the same language, monetary unit, economic standard and media; making it much easier to pair two men than it would be if they came from diversified areas with totally different socio-political-economic backgrounds.

Recently the heavyweight and light heavyweight classes were afflicted by the malady of duality with the WBA upholding Jimmy Ellis and Vicente

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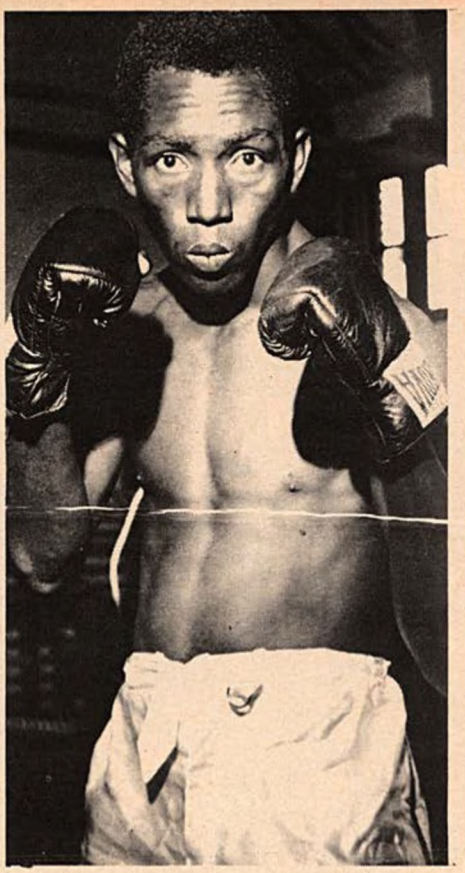

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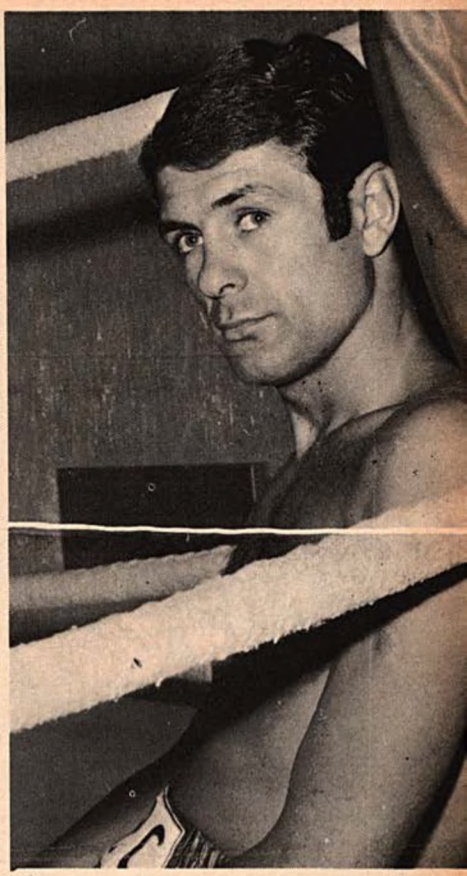


PEDRO CARRASCO

Rondon as champions and the WBC sanctioning Joe Frazier and Bob Foster.

The Frazier-Ellis bout was a big money maker and closed circuit television aided in the procuring of this match while Rondon, a Venezuelan, but no stranger to American rings, was willing to accept a match with Foster in Miami Beach. Home television to the U.S. and Venezuela made this match possible.

Both divisions were devoid of challengers and, to make any money at all, Frazier had to face Ellis and Foster had to fight Rondon.

In the other divisions we haven't been so fortunate. Here we are confronted with situations in which no single nation dominates any one class. The fighters are spread all over the face of the earth. They speak different languages, are from dissimilar cultures, totally alien to their counterparts and the time zones are such that home television is virtually impossible, eliminating the lucrative ancillary rights.

Just as importantly there hasn't been a fighter outstanding enough in any of the lighter divisions to eliminate all other contenders, leaving his WBA or WBC counterpart as the sole challenger. So one can begin to see the difficulty involved in pairing champs in the smaller classes.

The first division where we have a rift is the 140 pound or junior welterweight where Antonio Cervantes of Colombia is the actual champion, also sanctioned by the WBA, with Italy's Bruno Arcari holding down the bogus WBC version.

For the last man universally accepted by everyone as champion in this class we must go back to Paul Fuji, a Hawaiian-born Japanese, who held the title in 1967. Fuji won the crown by stopping Sandro Lopopolo in two rounds on April 30, 1967, in Tokyo and successfully defended it by knocking out Germany's Willie Quataor in November of that year.

All seemed to be going swimmingly for Fuji when he suddenly became accident prone. In December, 1967, an auto crash made him forego ring activity until the spring of 1968.

Upon returning for action he contracted for an August 29th title defense against Pedro Adigue of the Philippines. In early summer of 1968, Paul was again involved in an auto accident, this time seriously injuring his neck and back.

By this time the WBA, holding its annual convention in Pittsburgh, ruled that Fuji had gone beyond his six-month period for optional title defenses and, therefore, his next championship match must be against the then number one contender, Nicolino Loche of Argentina. They ruled that he must face Loche on or before November 16, 1968—one year after he'd previously defended the crown

RODOLFO GONZALEZ

against the top contender. This would be in compliance with WBA rules and failure to do so would result in his losing recognition as champion.

Meanwhile Justinao Montano, advisor to Adigue and then president of the WBC, claimed he had a valid contract for a title defense between Fuji and Adigue and that if Fuji didn't abide by it he would lose WBC backing as champ.

Now Fuji was in a quandary. If he faced Adigue the WBA would vacate his title but if he met Loche, Montano, president of the WBC and advisor to Adigue, would vacate the title for failure to comply with a contract.

After deliberating, Fuji chose top contender Loche, who stopped him in ten rounds on December 12, 1968, at Tokyo. The WBC stripped him of the title and paired Adigue with Adolph Pruitt in a bout billed for the world junior welterweight title in Manila. Adigue won the "title" via decision.

Efforts to pair Loche and Adigue were unsuccessful, as no one really gave any credence to Adigue as champ and Loche confined his activity to Buenos Aires.

Adigue was stopped in a "non-title" rematch by Pruitt and went into semi-retirement before being unearthed by Italy's Rodolfo Sabbatini, who paired him with Bruno Arcari for the crown in Rome.

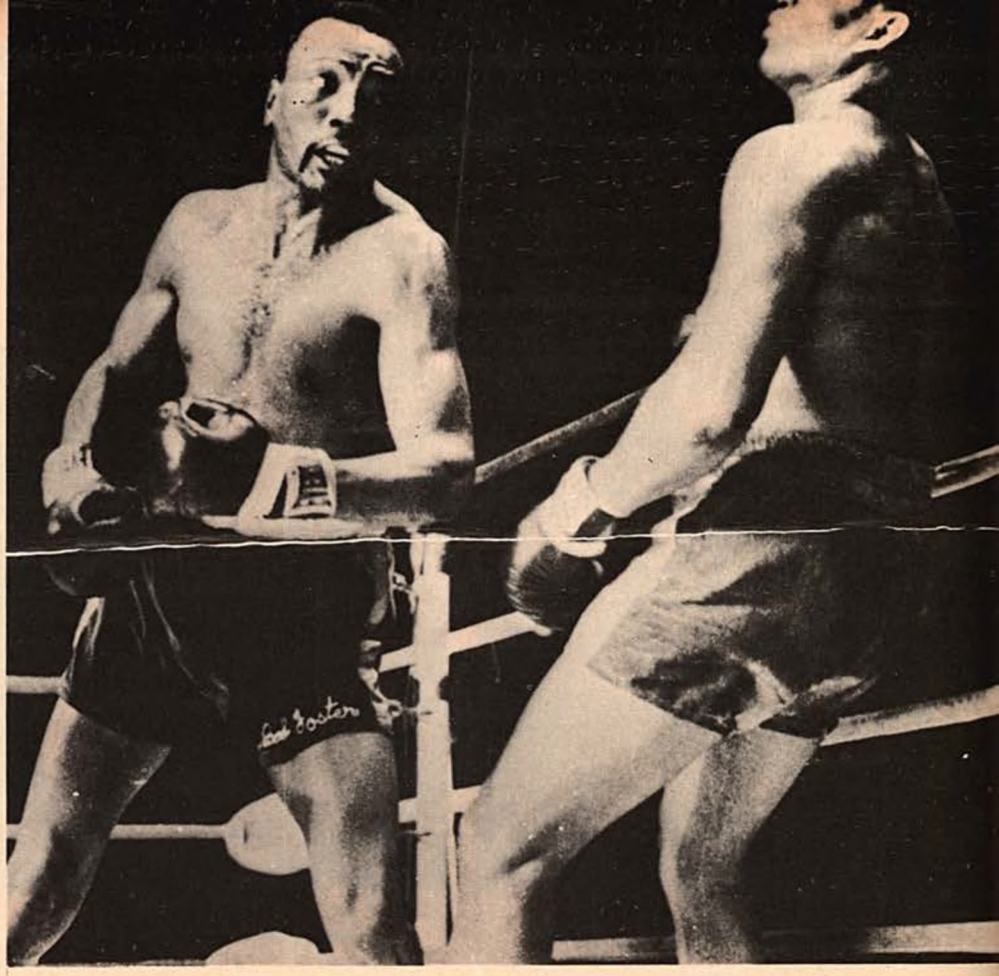
Adigue screamed "robbery" after 15. He'd gained a vacation only to lose a title. That was on February 1, 1970 and Arcari's been WBC 140 lb. "champ" ever since.

The actual title, meanwhile, remained with Loche for a number of years until he dropped it on a decision to Alfonzo Frazer in Panama early in 1972. Frazer was stopped in ten by Colombia's Antonio "Kid Pambele" Cervantes last October. Cervantes became the real champ.

On two occasions it seemed that this problem would be cleared up. Once before Loche lost his crown to Frazer in Panama and prior to his unsuccessful bid to regain the title from Cervantes, promoter Rodolfo Sabbatini had offered him $80,000 to meet Arcari in Rome. A bout between the two had been hotly awaited by both Argentines and Italians alike as Loche, though an Argentine, was of Italian lineage.

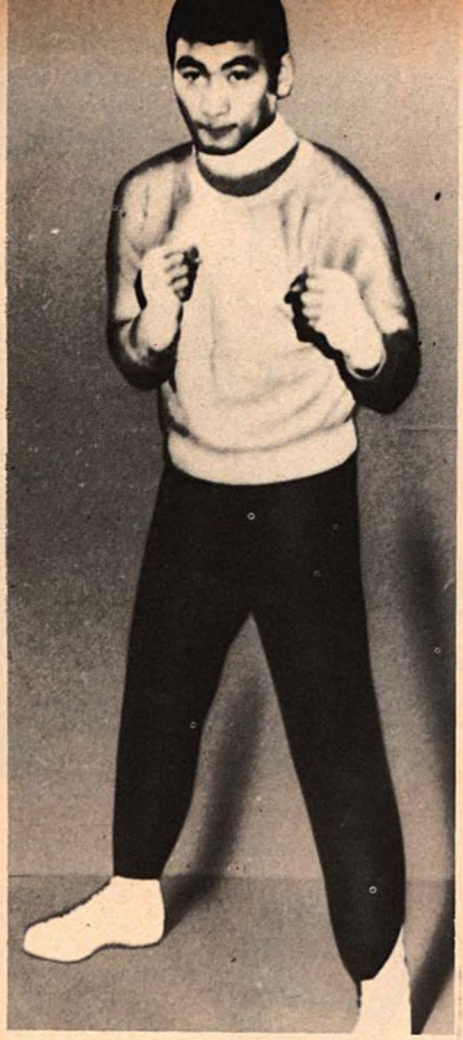
While Sabbatini, promoter of Arcari's fights, and Tito Lectoure, the man behind Loche, had a working agreement, no such arrangement exists between Venezuelan Ramiro Machado, who handles Cervantes' affairs, and Sabbatini. A meeting here seems far off.

At fault in this situation was Montano. It is difficult to tell whether he acted out of conviction in taking the title due to Fuji's failure to uphold his contract or because Adigue was a Filipino under his



BOB FOSTER KAYOS VICENTE RONDON

KUNIAKI SHIBATA



SHO SAIYJO

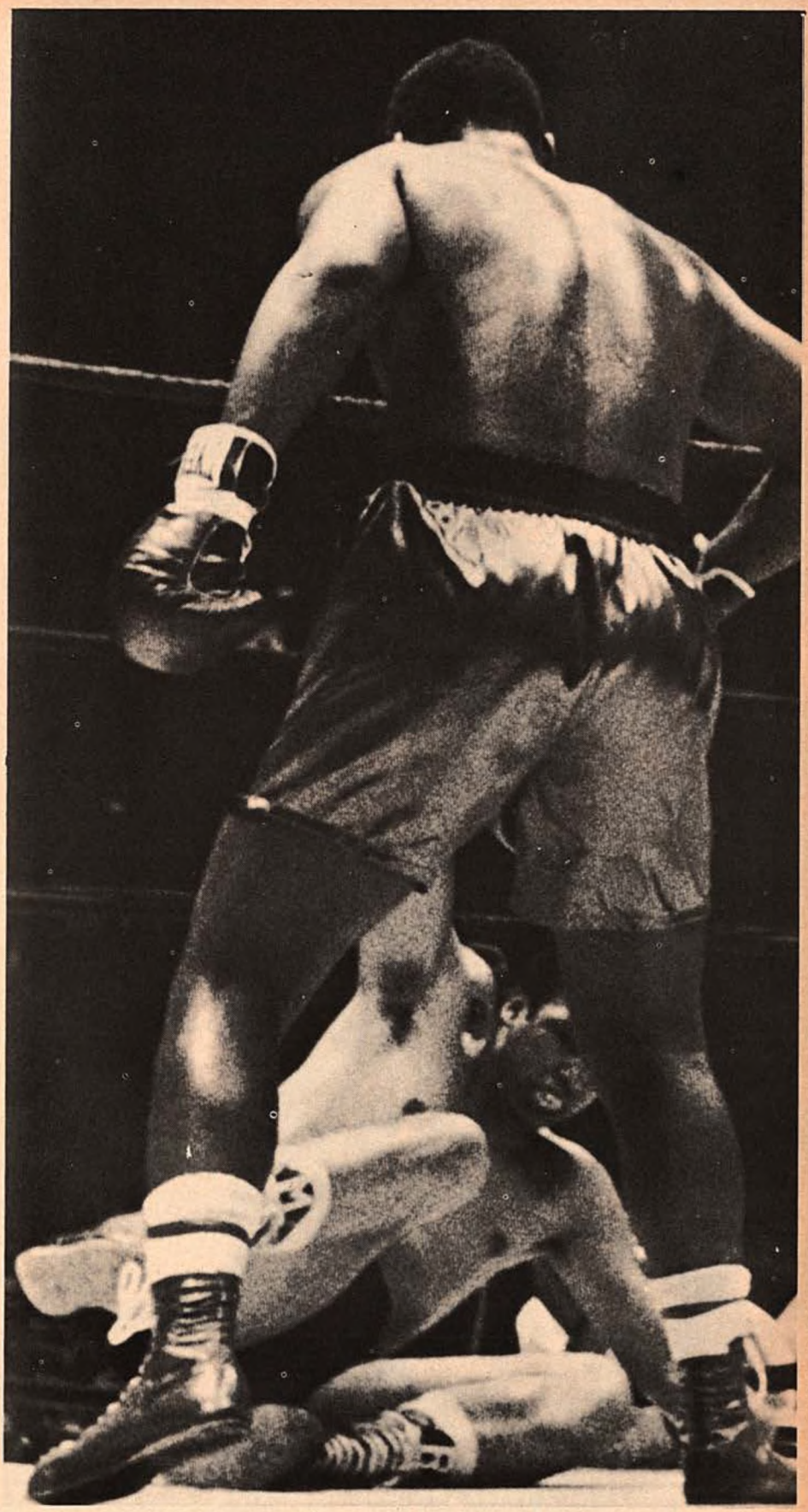
aegis.

If Montano were logical he would have appealed his case to the WBA. Conceivably it would have forced the winner to meet Adigue in his next title defense.

The next division that stands divided is the lightweight where Roberto Duran of Panama is the actual champion, supported by the WBA, with Rodolfo Gonzalez, a California-based Mexican, recognized by the WBC.

To trace the route of the lightweight mess we must go back to 1969, when Mando Ramos was undisputed champ. At the time Ismael Laguna was the top contender. Ramos signed to defend the title against him in Panama for the then incredible sum of $150,000, with another $100,000 to be deposited in Ramos' name at a Los Angeles bank, insuring a California rematch in the event he lost. The bout was to be held November 28 in conjunction with Panamanian Independence Day. Mando went to Panama, was cut in sparring and pulled out of the match.

Independence Day came and went and the government withdrew its offer so the



JOE FRAZIER KAYOS MANUEL RAMOS TO RETAIN FIVE-STATE CROWN.

baton went to Mrs. Aileen Eaton, who signed them to box in Los Angeles in March, 1970. Laguna would get his title shot—providing he made his first title defense against an opponent to be named by Aileen.

Laguna won the crown, then departed for New York where his manager, Cain Young, announced that due to discrepancies in the scoring he would not honor his contract in California.

Ismaél went to Panama and successfully defended his title while Mando Ramos outpointed former featherweight champ Sugar Ramos in a Los Angeles elimination bout.

Mrs. Eaton designated Mando as her challenger but Laguna refused to go to California. He was then stripped of his title by the WBC, of which California was now a member and barred from defending the title in the continental United States for breaching a contract.

Laguna found sanctuary in Puerto Rico, where he lost his title in an upset to Ken Buchanan.

The WBC ruled that if Buchanan wanted recognition he must fulfill Laguna's obligation to Aileen Eaton and defend against Ramos. He agreed. He went to California in February, 1971, to face Ramos. Three days before their bout Mando took ill and Ruben Navarro was substituted.

Buchanan agreed to face him if the WBC would consider him champion in the event he won and became free of his obligation to the Olympic. They agreed.

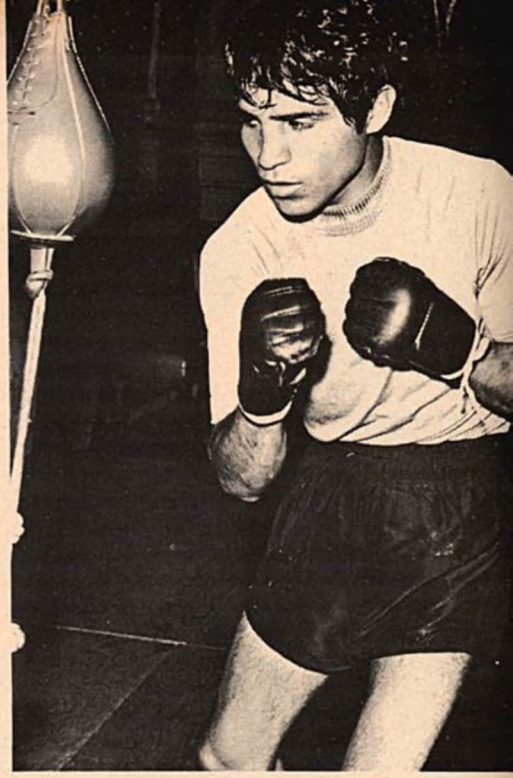
Buchanan outpointed Navarro to become undisputed champ. He then offered a title match to Spaniard Pedro Carrasco who declined, asserting he could no longer make the weight. He was then EBU junior welterweight champ, having abdicated his European lightweight title.

At this point the N.Y. Garden offered Buchanan $100,000 to face former champion Ismael Laguna in a rematch. Buchanan agreed but prior to the bout Laguna was outpointed by unknown Eddie Linder.

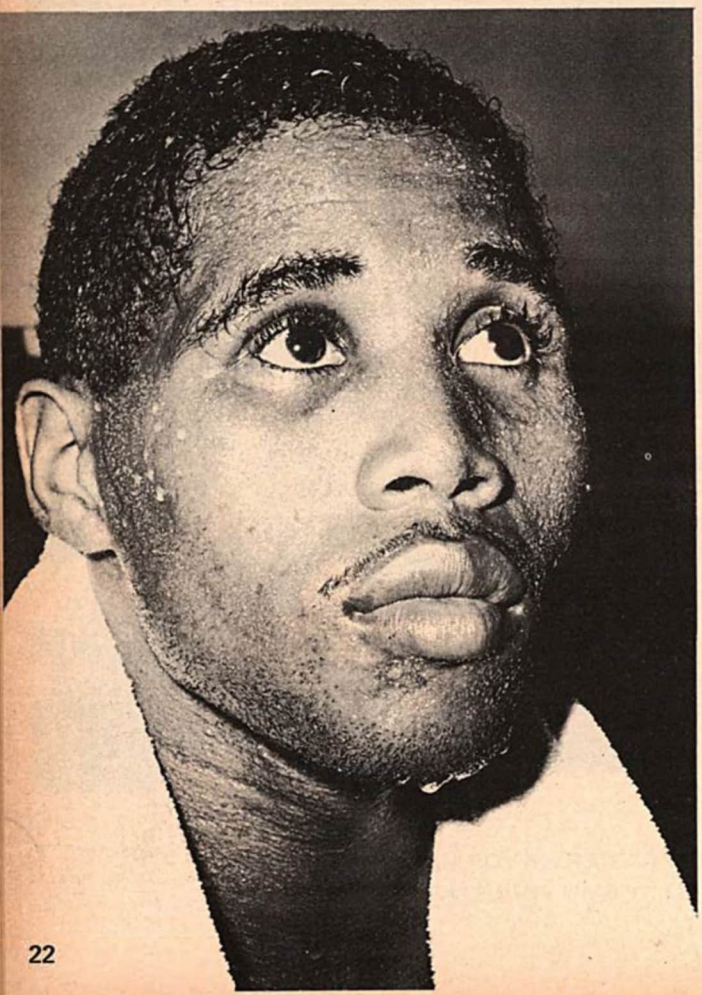
Now the WBC was approached by the Spanish Federation and, suddenly, Carrasco was a lightweight again. "Get Carrasco a shot at the lightweight crown or we'll pull out of the WBC and join the WBA", they declared.

The WBC backed down ridiculously and ruled Buchanan must face Carrasco next or forfeit his title. Buchanan, having already contracted for a fight in New York, said it was impossible and the WBC withdrew recognition. Stupid and more stupid.

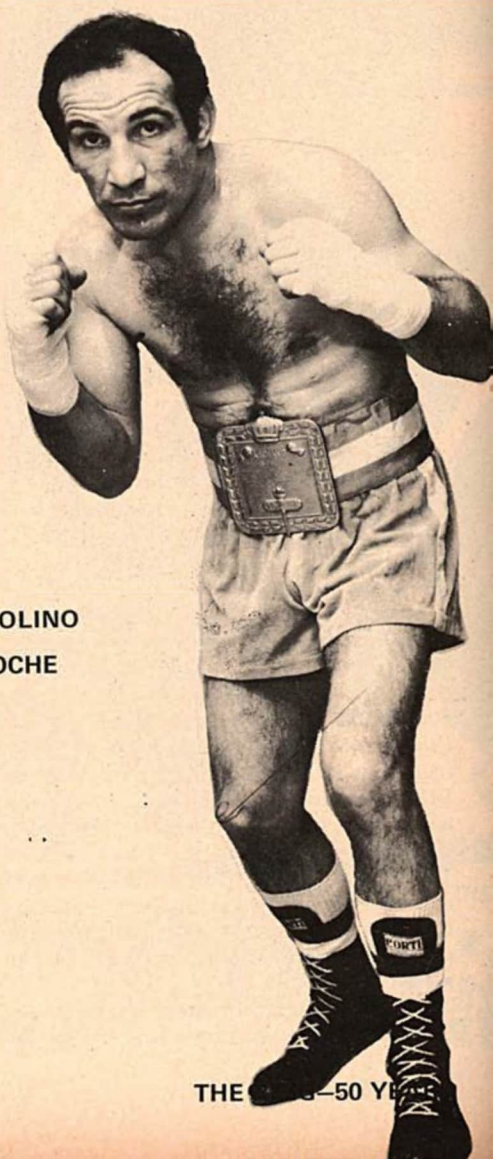
Buchanan outpointed Laguna while Mando Ramos defeated Pedro Carrasco in a three match set of controversial bouts to emerge as the WBC notion of a



RAFAEL HERRERA



ISMAEL LAGUNA



NICOLINO LOCHE

ALFONSO FRAZER

ROBERTO DURAN

champion.

Buchanan lost his title on a KO by Roberto Duran in June of 1972 at New York while Ramos was KO'd in September of the same year at Los Angeles by Mexican Chango Carmona who, in turn, was stopped by Rodolfo Gonzalez last November.

Duran has had two non-title bouts in LA this year, thus familiarizing him with California fans so a Duran-Gonzalez match seems probable.

First, Roberto has obligations to meet Buchanan and then Esteban DeJesus so late 1973 or early 1974 seems the most likely date.

At fault here was the WBC for wilting under pressure. Demand the Buchanan-Laguna winner face Carrasco but don't strip a man of a title after he's already signed to defend it and it is impossible to break that agreement.

The junior lightweight class presents the next problem. Here we have Japan's Kuniaki Shibata recognized universally, and by the WBA, with the WBC upholding Mexican Ricardo Arredondo.

The last undisputed champion in this class was Hiroshi Kobayashi, who won the title by knocking out Yoshiaki Numata in 12 rounds on December 14, 1967 in Tokyo. In his next title defense he boxed a draw with Rene Barrientos on March 30, 1968. As a result Barrientos became the top contender.

For the remainder of the year Kobayashi dropped non-title bouts to Mando Ramos and Ruben Navarro and defended the title against non-descript Jaimie Valladeres in Tokyo. Meanwhile Barrientos solidified his position by outpointing Antonio Amaya in Manila.

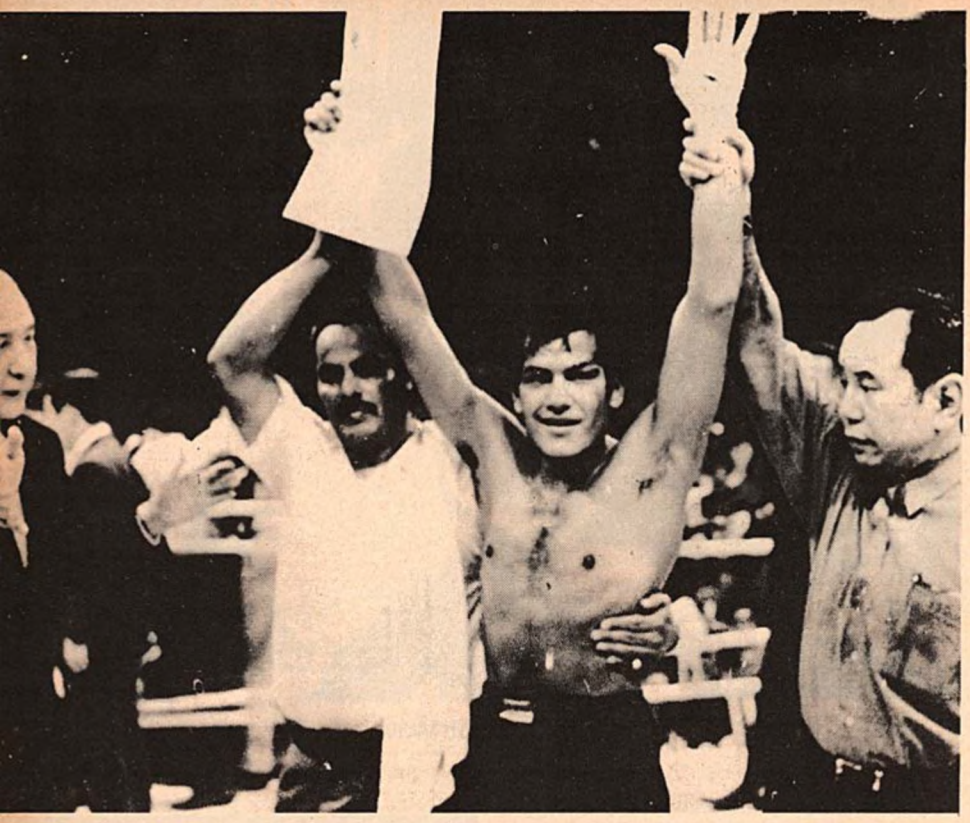
Justiano Montano, WBC president and advisor to Barrientos, bided his time; perhaps wary of having acted hastily in the Fuji-Adigue affair of a year earlier, and waited an entire year before demanding that Kobayashi defend the crown against Barrientos, the number one contender.

At this time a feud had developed between Montano and Lope Sorreal, advisor to Kobayashi and formerly to Fuji. Sorreal was angered at Montano for taking Fuji's crown and, to spite him, refused to give Barrientos a title match, agreeing to face Antonio Amaya instead.

Montano vacated the crown and staged a match between Ruben Navarro and

JOHNNY FAMECHON

HIROYUKI EBIHARA



RICARDO ARREDONDO

KEN BUCHANAN

HORACIO ACCAVALLO

Barrientos for the WBC title on February 15, 1969, in Manila. Barrientos won the WBC idea of the title via decision.

Kobayashi was eventually dethroned by Alfredo Marcano, who lost his title to Ben Villaflor in 1972. Villaflor was outpointed by current champ Kuniaki Shibata earlier this year.

The WBC crown went from Barrientos to Numata, and then to Ricardo Arredondo.

At fault here was Montano. He should have enlisted WBA support and made Barrientos' cause universal.

Sorreal is also to blame for allowing a personal feud to affect a world title.

At one point Kobayashi and Yoshiaki Numata were both recognized by the WBA and WBC as champs. Why didn't the Japanese commission force a showdown?

Since Shibata is a Japanese and Arredondo very popular there a meeting between the two was desirable.

The next troubled division is the featherweight with the WBC backing Brazil's Eder Jofre and the WBA Panama's Ernesto Marcel. The Ring has the title vacant.

The last undisputed champ here was Vicente Saldivar, who announced his retirement after stopping Howard Winstone in October of 1967. Recently he announced his return.

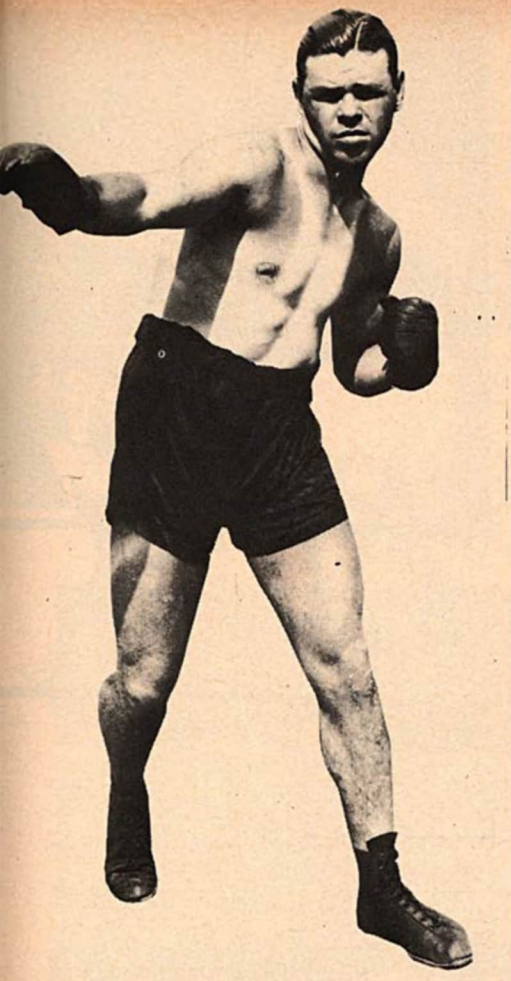
At the time the top contenders were Legra, Winstone, Australian Johnny Famechon and American Bobby Valdez.

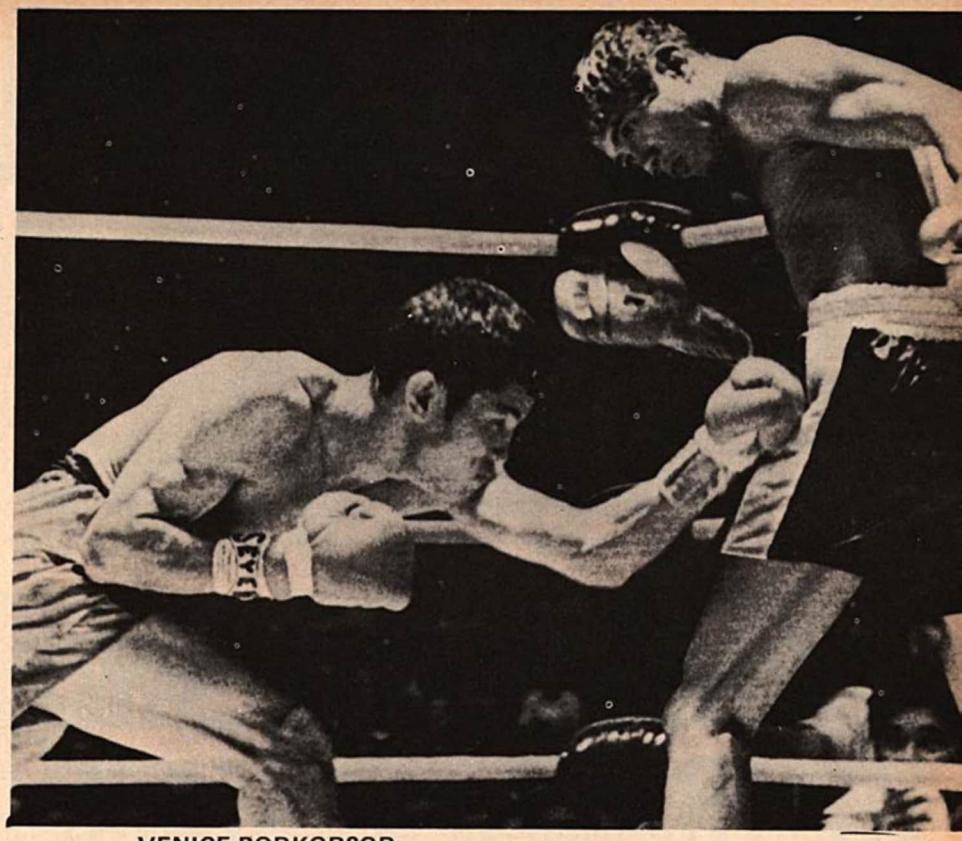
The WBA invited all of the aforementioned to take part in an elimination but when the EBU announced it would recognize the winner of a Winstone-Mitsoneri-Seki-Jose Legra round-robin as champion and the Australian Federation stated it would sanction the winner of a Famechon-Valdez match, all scorned the WBA for a chance at becoming an overnight titleholder.

Meanwhile, in California, Mickey Davies, Olympic matchmaker, got the California commission to sanction a match between Raul Rojas and Antonio Herrera for the title.

Winstone, Famechon and Rojas emerged as victors and there were now three champs.

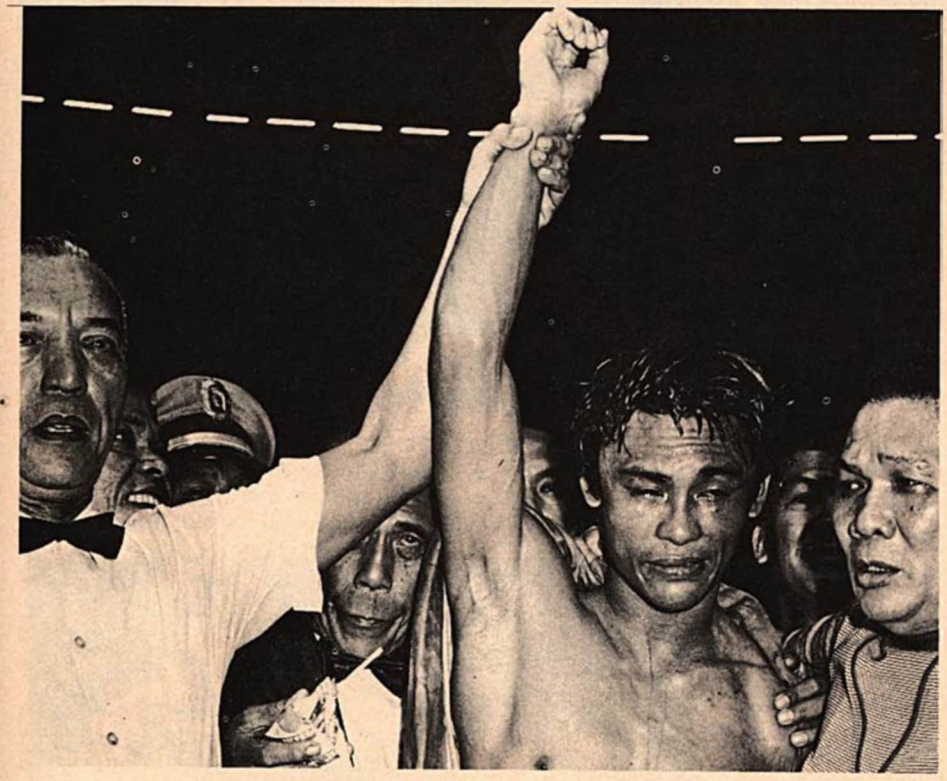
The WBA, annoyed at being snubbed by Legra, Famechon and Winstone, agreed to recognize the winner of a match between Raul Rojas and one Enrique Higgins for the "title". They were showing up the EBU and Australian champs while at the same time appeasing dissident South American affiliates.





VENICE BORKORSOR OUTPOINTS ERBITO SALVARRIA

MICKEY WALKER



RENE BARRIENTOS

Legra stopped Winstone for the EBU crown while the WBA title passed from Rojas to Sho Saijyo in September of 1968.

In January of 1969 top contenders Famechon and Legra finally met and the Australian became the new world champion by outpointing Legra in London.

The crown went from Famechon to comebacking Saldivar and then to Japan's Kuniaki Shibata. Once again there were two Japanese champs in the same division–Shibata (WBC) and Saijyo (WBA) but the Japanese commission refused to act.

Saijyo lost his "title" to Antonio Gomez who lost it to Panama's Ernesto Marcel last year.

The actual title went from Shibata to Clemente Sanchez who signed to defend against Legra but announced he was giving up the crown prior to the weigh-in. Talked by the WBC into fighting he lost to Legra last December.

The Ring, acting under Sanchez' declaration that he no longer was champion, has the title vacant. Jofre defeated Legra in Brasilia to annex the WBC title.

If both Marcel and Jofre are the champions they claim to be they should have no qualms about meeting in a final "elimination" to create an undisputed champion.

At fault here is the WBA for condoning a ridiculous bout between

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Joe Bugner lands a right to the chin of ex-heavyweight king Joe Frazier during their London 12-rounder won by Frazier.

Frazier ducks a right uppercut by the European heavyweight champion.

BUGNER ASTONISHED AT FRAZIER'S SHAPE

By RON OLVER

LONDON, ENGLAND – Calm, fair minded, clear thinking British boxing critics, still busy with the aftermath of Joe Frazier's 12-round decision over Joe Bugner, find no reason to dispute the verdict of referee Harry Gibbs, which was instantaneous.

Bugner himself has uttered no demurrer. He knows he was beaten. He gives Frazier full credit for the fine performance the American achieved, as Frazier gives full credit to Bugner for his splendid fight. The aftermath is ideal.

The big surprise for Bugner was Frazier's remarkable physical condition. Says Bugner, hinting that his being decked in the tenth was ruinous:

"This was the toughest fight of my career. I was surprised at Frazier's condition, I hadn't expected him to come in so fit. I had prepared for this one with more determination than I had in any of my previous fights. I knew that I would give Frazier a good fight. I felt good mentally and physically.

"A lot has been said and written about the knockdown. Having taken the punch, I felt conscious as soon as my knee touched the canvas.

"I immediately looked towards my corner, and caught my manager's eye. He signalled me to stay down for a few seconds.

"I was convinced I would have won until I got caught in the tenth round. Then when I got up and hurt him there was a chance I could have stopped him if I could have landed one more decisive punch. But this wasn't to be.

American Joe sends a left to the face of British Joe, who's backed up to the ropes at Earls Court.

"I must admit that the punch he caught me with was a beauty. His left hook is still to be respected."

Last word from Andy Smith, Bugner's pilot: "There can never have been a better white heavyweight at 23 than Joe Bugner. He is now approaching the maturity I always promised he would, and I am convinced that he will be world champion at 25."

Frazier achieved what he had set out to do, gaining a well-merited points victory. In my opinion the margin was even greater than that indicated by the score-line, even allowing for Bugner's magnificent performance.

The former world champion set a cracking pace, and while not able to keep it up for three minutes of every round, succeeded in maintaining a fair amount of pressure, enough to stop Bugner from boxing at long range, where he would be able to use his long left jab to keep Frazier off.

Frazier's biggest asset was his body-punching. Although Bugner took these punches well they must have slowed him down, and they must have weakened him.

Consequently Frazier kept it close,

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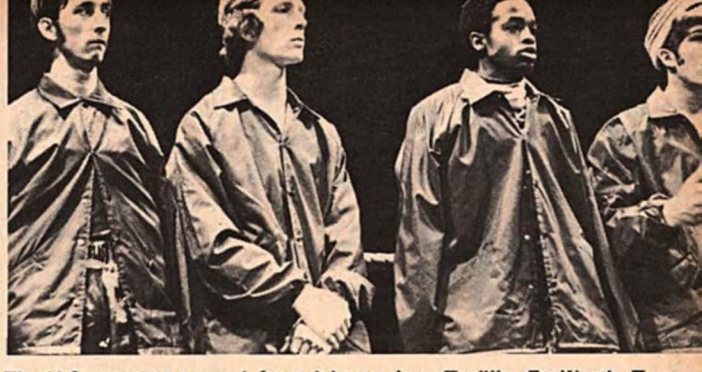
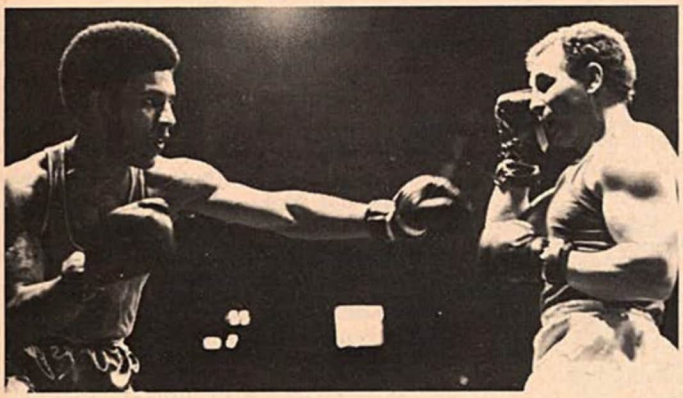
The Soviet amateur team: left to right are Yuri Nesterov, heavy; Boris Zarektuev, 119; Victor Pavlov, 147; Valery Lvov, 130; Vladislav Zasypko, 112.



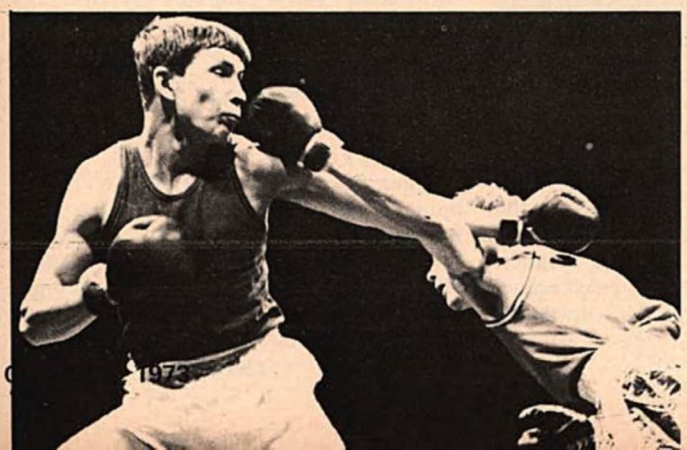
The U.S. amateur team: left to right are Jesse Trujillo, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Jeff LeMeir, So. Dak.; Mike Gillis, Kansas City, who didn't participate.

RUSSIAN AMATEURS TOP U.S.



Tony Drake, a four-time Midwest Golden Gloves titleholder jabs Victor Pavlov. Drake won on points.

(Above) Ray Jones, 255, N.Y., (left) waits on Yuri Nesterov, 190. Jones won on TKO in two. (Below) Valery Lvov, Russia (left), misses jab against Jeff LeMeir, Lvov won by a TKO in two.



Vladislav Zasypko, Russian 112-pounder, drops Jesse Trujillo. Zasypko won in three rounds on points.

By ROBERT J. RUIZ

OMAHA, NEB. – The Soviet Union amateur boxing team wound up its American tour here with victory. They left the U.S. weary and ring worn, but heavily loaded down with trophies and ring medals. Denver and Las Vegas fared no better than Omaha.

The Soviet team compiled a final score of 13 wins against eight losses. The invaders were 6-5 at Las Vegas, 4-1 in Denver and 3-2 in Omaha.

The A.A.U. made things difficult for the local promoters by not supplying information concerning the Soviet fighters until the last minute. As a result, a couple of the expected bouts didn't come off. A couple of the Soviets were out due to injuries and one no-show on the U.S. side limited the Nebraska card to five bouts.

Russian heavyweight Yuri Nesterov had suffered a bad eye cut the night before but went ahead by opposing big Roy Jones of New York, who outweighed the Soviet by some 65 pounds. Basically a blown up light heavy, Nesterov gave Duane

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PUNCH LINES

ADVISES FRAZIER TO QUIT

I SAW the Frazier-Bugner fight. There was no doubt that Frazier scored a clean-cut victory. I was amazed by Foreman's early quote that Bugner won. Nowhere near it. Wisely, Foreman changed his tune.

However, Frazier was not impressive. Foreman ruined him as a No. 1 attraction and performer.

My advice to Frazier is to retire. He could not last ten rounds with Foreman and even Quarry could beat him.

It appears that it wasn't Foreman who ruined Frazier, but Cassius Clay.

Jack Hawkins
Liverpool, England

"CASSIUS BEAT FRAZIER"

What has happened to Frazier. Only this. He lost the fight to Muhammad Ali. He will never fight Clay again. Cassius would humiliate him more than ever.

I wish you would not drop the subject of a Clay-Frazier fight as I want to see Ali beat Joe again.

Idris Smoholi
Enugu, Nigeria

A BOOSTER FOR QUARRY

I greatly enjoy reading Ring Magazine, but there is one thing that bothers me. I do not like the way your magazine has constantly downgraded Jerry Quarry. Nat Loubet said that Madison Square Garden was trying to build up Quarry into an alleged contender. The implication was that Quarry is not a contender. I think Quarry is a contender. I really think Jerry can beat Foreman.

Quarry is easily the best counter-puncher in the business. Against Frazier, Foreman left himself open for jabs all night. Quarry would wear Foreman down with jabs. Jerry can also take a punch better than anyone. Some of the punches that Foreman knocked Frazier down with would not have knocked down Quarry.

Quarry's career has been filled with ups and downs. But with Gil Clancy as his manager, I think Quarry will become the next heavyweight champion.

Robert Shaw
Fresno, Calif.

CANNOT UNDERSTAND FOREMAN

I do not understand George Foreman and his plan of campaign.

I would say that in current circumstances Foreman would want to cash in as soon as possible and as big as possible.

The strategy of Foreman's fighting Roman is not clear at all.

Is it possible that Foreman does not rate himself as highly as the experts do?

You know what we all thought of Foreman before the Frazier fight. Is George rating himself back to that position?

Calvin Drayton
Columbia, S.C.

WANTS MORE HONORS FOR SADDLER

We know that Willie Pep lost three out of four to Sandy Saddler. We know that this should be regarded as plenty of proof that Saddler was the better man.

But The Ring plays up Pep all the time. Willie gets all the laurels and Saddler barely gets any mention.

Why not some of the ice cream for Saddler?

Why not run an interview with Saddler, about the fights with Pep.

I really am sore about this and think that if Saddler could do more talking—Pep style—you would do a piece about Sandy.

Hustle this along, Mr. Ring Editor!

Booker T. Weems
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

EXPLAINS ALI'S DOWNTREND

I see the decline of Muhammad Ali as a combination of things. First and foremost is Ali's lack of interest in preparing for bouts. I don't believe it would be wrong to say that Ali's regression began about the same time as Joe Frazier's defeat. Foreman's demolition of Frazier put Ali's big money hopes into retirement.

Then came the lack of desire and training which led to Muhammad's eventual downfall at the hands of hungry Ken Norton. Now we'll have the Foremans, the Nortons and the Ron Lyles. Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier are now merely figures of boxing days, gone by.

John Michaelis
Carson, Calif.

A VOICE FROM CALIFORNIA

I have always assumed that The Ring is pretty much "the authority" in the world of boxing. I agree with your ratings and learn much from your articles on the fighters of the past. The one thing I can't understand, however, is the lack of good in-depth coverage of the west coast scene. Your California correspondent owes his allegiance to certain money-makers and limits his coverage to that.

For example: Bobby Chacon is one of the hottest fighters in the lighter weights and has had no coverage of note. Hedgemon Lewis has been ranked number one contender in the welter-weight division since he drubbed Billy Backus twice last year. Where is Jose? Fighting Ernie Lopez. . .a real tough one. Granted he deserved his big-money fight in France with Menetrey but when will he stop ducking Hedgemon and give him another shot at the title? As the advocate for good fighting throughout the world let's have some attention for these deserving fighters from The Ring.

Michael Schwartz
Escondido, Calif.

IS ALL THIS TRUE?

There are three things I would like to express:

1. It does not take very much power to break someone's jaw when a fighter boxes with his mouth open, like Muhammad Ali does most of the time. So it is my opinion that Ken Norton's breaking of Muhammad Ali's jaw was highly overrated. If Norton broke a couple of ribs, that would have been noteworthy.

2. Ken Norton is overrated. Even though Muhammad Ali's jaw was broken, Norton could not knock him out, deck him or even get a unanimous decision. The best he could get is a split decision.

Is the fact that Muhammad Ali is the best boxer in the world (including George Foreman) blind to you? He is also the best contender for the title.

3. Frazier is saying that he should be the first to get a crack at the title. He should remember that he fought the likes of Ron Stander and Terry Daniels and would not fight Muhammad Ali again.

David Johnson
Tacoma, Washington

NO MONZON FAN HE!

We do not doubt your or your staff's opinion but we would like to have something on our fighter Rodrigo "Rocky" Valdez. We have been watching closely but to no avail.

In one of your recent issues you mentioned Tony Mundine as the only worthwhile challenger of champion Carlos Monzon but you failed to mention anyone else. Monzon has disposed of Griffith and Bouttier and apparently these two are in line once more, becoming a vicious circle.

Therefore, please print your overall opinion and the chances of taking away the title from the champ.

Francisco Velez
San Andres, Isla
Colombia, S.A.

INSIDE THE ROPES
with
Ruby Goldstein

SINCE starting this column for The Ring, I have written principally about the many title bouts in which I was the third man in the ring. Now I am making a slight switch and will write about my fistic career. I had felt that I didn't compare to the fighters whose bouts I refereed and writing about myself would be a comedown.

In my initial column I told of winning all of my 20-odd amateur bouts and of winning my first 20-odd professional bouts before colliding with Ace Hudkins, who got off the floor in the first round and continued to run me ragged until I was a KO victim in the fourth. Prior to the Hudkins bout I was hailed as another Benny Leonard, certain to become a champion.

Most of my victories had been scored via the KO route. Some of my opponents were seasoned boxers who had fought the best and had never hit the floor. However, all the fine predictions never came to pass. Many years have gone by and I'm as far away as ever from the Hall of Fame.

My loss to Hudkins might have been anticipated on the West Coast where Ace did most of his fighting, but here in New York it was a shock. A greater shock to me. I had been too accustomed to winning, I guess, and not quite 19, couldn't learn to take a loss. I stayed away from my usual haunts and spent practically all my time at home. Even to this day whenever I'm asked about the bout my answer is sort of a jest. I go into detail that immediately after a main event, the gloves were removed from the fighters and saved for the preliminary fighters on the next show. I was out so cold they kept my gloves on for one hour. Some people don't grasp the excuse and sometimes I don't either, but it saves a long explanation.

After several months of seclusion at home, my manager and I decided I should begin training. I was starting to feel like myself again and the people at Stillman's Gym were saying "It looks like the old Ruby". My manager arranged for me to fight in New Jersey. Perhaps it was because I was young or afraid to fight that I did a most shameful thing. I ran out of the fight and the next thing I knew

Ruby Goldstein in the days when he was an active boxer, known as the "Jewel of the Ghetto."

I was on my way to California. I had one fight there and lost by a technical knockout. I then returned to New York, really a mixed-up kid. I took a few months rest, then started to train again. I seemed to be coming around. I had about a half-dozen victories and then after defeating Jimmy Goodrich, former lightweight champion, I was matched to fight Sid Terris, a former school mate. The bout was held in 1927 at the Polo Grounds. I was limited to six rounds as I was a few months short of 21 years of age. It was unusual for a six round bout to be the main event with three great ten rounders in the supporting cast. I believe I'm right in saying we were the main event as we received the most money and most publicity. We had a real rival for publicity in Charles Lindbergh, who returned from his solo flight to Europe and was slated to be a spectator and naturally be introduced. His name was sure an aid in swelling the gate receipts.

Here I go again. As I've said before, I was stopped in the first round. But I have my alibi ready. I've told it to Terris who is as fine as they come and took it goodnaturedly. The bout was about a minute old when Sid hit the canvas. He rolled about somewhat and I guess there wasn't anyone in the place who expected him to rise before the count of ten. Miraculously he did. A minute later I'm on the deck rolling around as Terris did. As I've previously written, I guess there's a difference in our makeup. When he got up he fooled everyone. I'm built differently. They didn't expect me to get up, so I just didn't disappoint the crowd.

Then, the same old story. I rested a couple of months, then got in shape, had about a half-dozen straight wins and was matched to box Jimmy McLarnin, a great all-around fighter. Al Jolson, one of the greatest entertainers of all time, visited my dressing room and encouraged me. It didn't help. McLarnin won in the second round. This went on for a couple of years, winning a few and then losing one by KO.

The end came when one day while I was shadow boxing at Stillman's Gym. I got the feeling I was losing. When you lose while shadow boxing it's time to stop.

I must admit I have a unique record. In 60-odd professional bouts, I never lost a decision. I lost only six times – but all by KO.

UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Joe Frazier, Philadelphia, Pa.
1—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
2—Muhammad Ali, Cherry Hill, N.J.
3—Jerry Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
5—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
6—Jimmy Ellis, Louisville, Ky.
7—Ernie Terrell, Chicago, Ill.
8—Jose Roman, Puerto Rico
9—Chuck Wepner, Bayonne, N.J.
10—Floyd Patterson, New Paltz, N.Y.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
1—Don Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah
2—Andy Kendall, Portland, Ore.
3—Jimmy Dupree, Jersey City, N.J.
4—Eddie Jones, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Hal TNT Carroll, Syracuse, N.Y.
6—Bob Cassidy, Brentwood, L.I.
7—Mike Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Billy Wagner, Cleveland, Ohio
8—Pat O'Connor, Rochester, Minn.
10—Eddie Duncan, Philadelphia, Pa.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Emile Griffith, New York, N.Y.
1—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Tony Licata, New Orleans, La.
3—Bill Douglas, Columbus, Ohio
4—Jose Gonzalez, Puerto Rico
5—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Dave Love, San Diego, Calif.
7—John L. Sullivan, Carson City, Nev.
8—Nate Collins, San Francisco, Calif.
9—Mike Lancaster, Seattle, Wash.
10—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.

WELTERWEIGHTS
*Hedgemon Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
1—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2—Eddie Perkins, Chicago, Ill.
3—Jack Tillman, Mobile, Ala.
4—Ronnie Harris, Detroit, Mich.
5—Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.
6—Ernie Lopez, Las Vegas, Nev.
7—Vernon Mason, Baltimore, Md.
8—Buddy Boggs, Baltimore, Md.
9—Young Kennedy, Hawaii
10—David Oropeza, Phoenix, Ariz.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
*Victor Ortiz, Puerto Rico
1—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
2—Doc McClendon, Paterson, N.J.
3—Miguel Barreto, Puerto Rico
4—Chu Chu Malave, New York, N.Y.
5—Hector Matta, Puerto Rico
6—Josue Marquez, Puerto Rico
7—Ray Seales, Seattle, Wash.
8—Mario Saurennann, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Chuck Wilburn, Cleveland, Ohio
10—Jose Peterson, Puerto Rico

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
1—Jimmy Heair, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.
3—Rodolfo Gonzalez, Long Beach, Calif.
4—Ray Lunny III, San Francisco, Calif.
5—Ruben Navarro, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Dale Hernandez, Omaha, Nebr.
7—Jimmy Robertson, San Francisco, Calif.
8—Mando Ramos, Long Beach, Calif.
9—Edwin Viruet, New York, N.Y.
10—Willie Daniels, Philadelphia, Pa.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Sammy Goss, Trenton, N.J.
1—Frankie Otero, Miami, Fla.
2—Walter Seeley, Sayville, L.I.
3—Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico
4—Jose Fernandez, New York, N.Y.
5—Luis Lopez, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Eduardo Santiago, Puerto Rico
7—Calvin Woodland, Washington, D.C.
8—Hector McBride, Tampa, Fla.
9—Kenny Weldron, Houston, Texas
10—Frankie Crawford, Calif.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
*Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Ronnie McGarvey, Hillcrest, Md.
4—Vilomar Fernandez, New York, N.Y.
5—Waymon Young, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Bennie McCall, New Orleans, La.
7—Gary Ferrari, Seattle, Wash.
8—Cesar Desiga, San Antonio, Texas
9—Carlos Perez, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Leo DiFiore, Portland, Me.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
1—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
2—Johnny Moreno, San Antonio, Texas
3—Max Sanchez, Puerto Rico
4—Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
5—Tony Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
6—Ben Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
8—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
9—Jose Luis Valdovinos, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS
*Tony Moreno, San Antonio, Texas
1—Arden Peralta, Phoenix, Ariz.
2—Rocky Garcia, San Antonio, Texas
3—Willie Jensen, Las Vegas, Nev.
4—Eduardo Correa, Puerto Rico
5—Bobby Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.
6—Milton Higa, Honolulu, Hawaii
7—Jose Zaldivar, Stockton, Calif.
8—Salvatore Vasquez, Corpus Christi, Texas
9—Willi Pastrana, Puerto Rico
10—Leroy Krienbrook, Cleveland, Ohio

*Champion

The Chatter Box

By JOHN ORT

ODDITY OF THE MONTH – Mrs. Emma De Urrunaga has become the first woman in boxing history to judge a world championship contest. This took place in Panama City in the bout between lightweight king Roberto Duran and Hector Thompson, of Australia. The bout ended via kayo in favor of Duran.

Mrs. Urrunaga's reaction to this first; "I was a little nervous before the fight, but I can control myself and everything was okay once the bell sounded".

Her husband, Carlos, once held the Panama flyweight title. Mrs. Urrunaga was an amateur judge for a short time after completing a two-year course sponsored by the National Sports and Cultural Institute of Panama, taught by Alfonso Castillo, well known world boxing judge.

A tragic note to report is the untimely death of former lightweight king Wallace "Bud" Smith. Wallace was shot on a street corner in Cincinnati. Police said that Smith, 42, was attempting to act as a peacemaker between a man and woman. According to police, Smith was found lying in the street. He had been shot in the head.

Bud began boxing in amateur tournaments in his native Cincinnati. He won the National AAU lightweight title in 1947, then competed in the 1948 Olympics held in England. Wallace turned pro on November 29, 1948, retired on April 1, 1958. He won the lightweight title from Jimmy Carter on June 29, 1955 and retained the crown in a rematch with Carter later that year. He lost the title to Joe Brown on August 24, 1956 and failed in his effort to regain the laurel from Brown in February, 1957. He defeated Red Top Davis, Orlando Zulueta, Arthur Persley and Rafael Lastre. He boxed Joe Miceli, Larty Boardman, Mickey Crawford, Bobby Scanlon, Duilo Lo, Tony DeMarco, Johnny Gonzalez, Virgil Arkins, Johnny Saxton, Luther Rawlings, Cisco Andrade and Gomeo Brennan. His total record was 32-22-6.

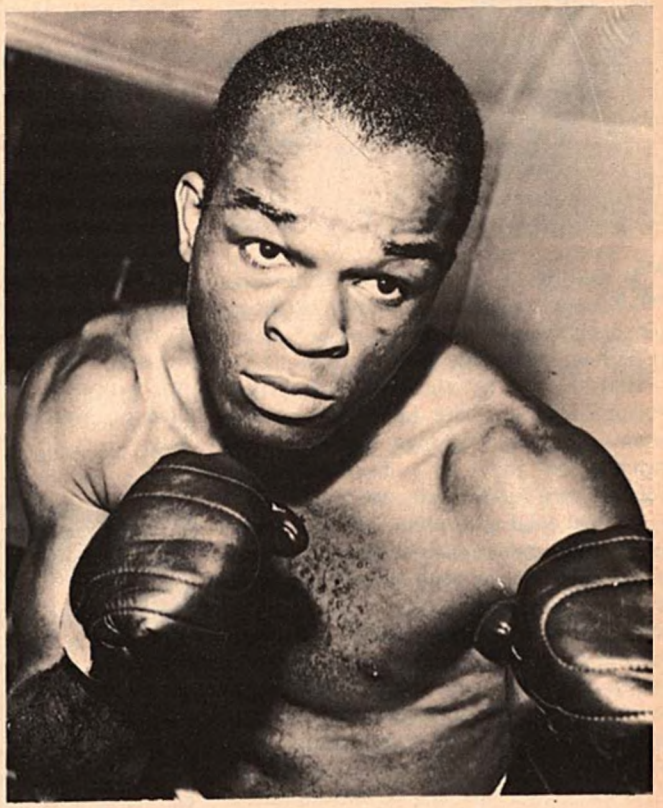
The Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Pittston, Pa. formally dedicated its new cocktail lounge "Duke's Corner" to Duke Stefano, Madison Square Garden assistant matchmaker, at a lavish party. General manager Lou Del Vecchio hosted more than 400, including many boxing greats. The decor for the lounge features a caricature of Stefano by Bill Gallo. The motel is located just outside of Scranton, where monthly boxing shows are run.

The Spectrum Boxing Club in Philadelphia is adding a little sex to its pre-fight publicity. For the Hart-Holliday bout, it ran an ad stating: "I'll give your kids the shirt off my back!", showing a lovely young lady wearing a Monday Night Fights T-shirt. In small type under the above quote was printed "Free T-shirts for the first 2,000 kids, 16 and under". That young lady is going to get awfully tired taking it off for 2,000 kids. A new way to teach sex education.

South African lightweight contender Andries Steyn holds wins over both claimants to the world junior lightweight titles. He beat Ring and W.B.A. champion Kuniaki Shibata, Japan, last October, and recently defeated W.B.C. choice Mexican Ricardo Arrendondo.

Memphis, Tenn. heavyweight Clyde Brown has lost to both Bobicks this year. He was kayoed by Rodney last April 18 in six. Duane stopped him in two, at Frankfort, Ky., June 1.

Canadian heavyweight king George Chuvalo is following in Jimmy Ellis' footsteps. Both men are refereeing in their spare time, George in Canada and Jimmy in the Bahamas. Chuvalo, incidentally, is the T.V. color man for A.B.C. T.V.'s Saturday afternoon boxing from Madison Square Garden in New York.



The late Wallace (Bud) Smith, who was shot to death on a Cincinnati street while attempting the role of peacemaker.

Henry Grooms' Kalamazoo Boxing Academy is like no other public gym. It looks as if it were designed to be a day camp for well-to-do youths. Grooms placed the cost of the academy, which has been open less than a year, at $175,000.

The widow of the late Rocky Marciano is suing three of the champ's onetime business partners who, she says, are attempting to knock her out of Rocky's share in a New Jersey construction company.

Joe Clough, who managed Ray Seales to a gold medal in the 1972 Olympics and seven pro victories, has quit as his pilot. Clough said he was resigning because of time pressure. He also is a junior high gym teacher and coach of the Tacoma Boys Club amateur boxing squad.

CHATTER . . . Word from world champion freestyle checker champion Enrique Freeman is that heavyweight king George Foreman is one of the best players around. Looks like Enrique is looking for a match. A checker match, that is . . . Kenyan Phillip Waruinge, featherweight boxing silver medalist in the Munich Olympics, has turned pro . . . The Pennsylvania Justice Department has ruled that women may be licensed to box and wrestle in Pennsylvania . . . Bobby Lee, W.B.A. chief, was given a testimonial by 1,000 of his friends in Honolulu . . . Bill Miller's Vegas boxing is moving out of the Silver Slipper into Circus Circus. Bill was at the Slipper for eight years . . . Former welterweight Chico Vejar is now Secretary of the Connecticut Boxing Commission . . . Donato

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Q & A — Questions & Answers

Q. During the years 1910 to 1925, was there a prominent middleweight or light heavyweight who disappeared, never to be heard from again? The reason I ask is that a man by the name of Arthur Nelson died up here in 1932 and was never identified though some people thought he may have been a boxer. Nelson was 5′9½″ tall, weighed about 170, had light brown hair, stooped shoulders, pale blue eyes, and was estimated to have been between 35 and 40 when he died, putting his birth date circa 1891 to 1897. A scar and four missing teeth in his right upper jaw look like he may have suffered a bullet wound at some time during his life. The scar was fairly prominent on his right cheek.

Dick North
Dawson City,
Yukon Territory, Canada

A. We have dug deep into the records and cannot identify your man as a prominent fighter, 1910-1925.

Q. Here is a query for you to solve. I like to watch pro football more than boxing. But I like to read about the fighters and not so much about the gridiron people. I present this as a problem to you psychoanalysts of The Ring. I will say this. We have major league football here in Kansas City, but we do not have boxing. To see a fight I have to drive many miles and then what happens? A cockeyed referee gives the decision to the beaten man. Or some stiff takes a dive.

Terry Gallagher
Kansas City, Mo.

A. Basically, your love is for boxing. As you say, you don't have any major boxing in your locality but you do have major football. This places major boxing under a severe handicap insofar as your choice is concerned.

Q. How many fights did Freddie Beshore have?

Richard Goodyear
Harrisburg, Pa.

A. Freddie fought 52 bouts. He scored 12 knockouts, 23 wins by decisions, had 8 losses by decisions, was kayoed 7 times and drew twice.

Q. In what years did Owen Moran fight? In what divisions?

Dave Gifford
Ocean Shores, Washington

A. Moran was a feather and lightweight. He fought from 1901 through 1916. Among his top opponents were Jem Driscoll, no decision, 4 rounds; Matty Baldwin, lost in 12 and won in 12; Abe Attell, drew in 25 and in 23 rounds; also fought to no decision, 6 and 10 rounds, with Attell. He won from Harlem Tommy Murphy in 12 and fought two no decision 10 round bouts with him. He was stopped by Ad Wolgast in 13. He died on March 17, 1942 in Birmingham, Eng.

Q. In stories about old time fights in England I note the frequent appearance of Daniel Mendoza. Was he the only Jewish fighter of that time?

Hillel Freedman
New York, N.Y.

A. No, Dan was not the only Jewish fighter of those early days. Others were Buttoon, Marten, Jacobs, Juchau, DaCosta, Elias and Dutch Sam. Later, Aaron. There are very few Jewish fighters in Britain today. Even fewer in the United States.

Q. Joking to one side, isn't Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali) truly one of the top ten heavyweights since John L. Sullivan?

Cosey Higgins
Beaufort, S.C.

A. Joking to one side, Muhammad Ali is not one of the great fighters of the century. He does not hit hard enough, and he never did hit hard enough. The Ring is eager to give credit where credit is due.

Q. In a story in The Ring, Gene Tunney calls John L. Sullivan the greatest. Gene is right. If his name were John L. Sulleiman you would give him a lot of attention. But he was an American, clear through, and not a Muslim.

Patrick Cleary
South Boston, Mass.

A. Sullivan was a great fighter—in his time. He was not one of the all time greats. That 39-round draw with Mitchell, whom he outweighed by some 30 pounds, certainly did not plug John's wares.

Q. From whom did Benny Leonard win the lightweight title, and who succeeded him when he retired? Was Lew Tendler Jewish?

George Hesterberg
Baltimore, Md.

A. Leonard won the lightweight championship by knocking out Freddie Welsh. When Leonard retired Jimmy Goodrich won an elimination tournament for the championship. Then came Rocky Kansas, Sammy Mandell and Al Singer. Tendler was Jewish, all the way.

Q. How do you Americans have the gall to call John L. Sullivan the champion of the world when he refused to fight Australian Negro Peter Jackson? My great grandfather told me Jackson, in his prime, would have boxed Sullivan into knots.

Francis Davenport
Brighton, England

A. Sullivan was not the official world champion and The Ring never said he was. Jackson was a great fighter for too brief a time, then he went to pieces, one of his big enemies being John Barleycorn.

Q. What were the announced weights for the Jeffries-Johnson fight at Reno in 1910?

Stavros Spiros
Dallas, Texas

A. The announced weights were: Johnson, 208; Jeffries, 228. Jeff had shed something like 45 pounds for the fight. Could be Johnson carried Jeff into the 15th round.

Q. Why did Jack Johnson fight Stanley Ketchel, whom he outweighed, 205½ to 170½? Was Ketchel that good that he could give away 35 pounds to a great boxer?

Harold Weiss
Fort Worth, Tex.

A. No, Ketchel was not that good. He was knocked cold in 12 rounds. The dope is that Jack promised to carry Stan 15, but Ketchel got gay, popped Jack one, and got Johnson angry. Ergo, KO in 12.

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

NOTHING odd about boxers winding up as referees and boxing judges. . . .One of our greatest, Jack Dempsey, handled many assignments in the squared circle. He even participated in some wrestling matches as the third man in the ring. Often, veteran fighters hold down the job today as referees and judges.

Drop in at Madison Square Garden or the Felt Forum one of these nights and you'll hear the announcer clarion the fact that Johnny Dran is one of the judges. . .He happens to be one of the gang who were pretty good performers inside the squared circle. . .Saw action in the 8th Avenue Madison Square Garden, being handled by Doc Hirsch, who managed Jack Bernstein, one-time junior lightweight king.

Dran, who was active in business until he retired six years ago to a soft life which includes keeping in shape on the golf course, where through the years he has managed to garner plenty of trophies, including four for shooting a hole in one.

Dran started out as a flyweight. His big brother talked him into taking out a fighter's license. Started his career as an amateur at the Springfield, Mass. YMCA, came to Yonkers in 1923. That's when he met up with Doc Hirsch. Remembers when he lost a decision to Dominick Petrone in Madison Square Garden on Fourth Avenue. Fought good men aplenty.

Dran, who looks like a prosperous businessman, was first appointed a boxing judge in 1958. Among his assignments were scraps in which Floyd Patterson, Ray Robinson, Ingemar Johansson, Emile Griffiths, Carlos Ortiz, and Doug Jones were the principals. John J. Dran has spent many a year around the boxing game and is still very much in the picture. . .Still a resident of Yonkers, N.Y.

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A recent visitor to New York to see the old gang at the Boxing Commission and at Jack Dempsey's was Joe Seiden. He was a fine middleweight. Career began in 1914, and among the men he met were Rocky Smith, Happy Howard, the tall one, Spider Roach, Jimmy Kelly, Johnny Summers, Wild Burt Kenny and Jack Stewart. He fought bigger men as he outgrew the middleweight division. Once served as Jack Dempsey's sparring partner and after his retirement was associated with the State Athletic Commission as an inspector for 23 years.

Joe has been retired in Miami for many years and is active in VBA Ring #31, headed at this time by popular Bobby Burns, from little old New York. The gang at Dempsey's were happy to cut up capers with Seiden, especially K.O. Phil Kaplan, and they plied him with questions about Ring #31 members living down Miami way – Tom Heeney, the Hard Rock From Down Under, Sid Terris, Joe Vaccarelli, former mayor of Mt.

JOHNNY DRAN

Vernon, Izzy Caplin, brother of the late managers Hymie and Danny, Benny and Irving Nabors and Allie Wolff.

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Duke Stefano, assistant matchmaker to Teddy Brenner in New York's Garden, received a surprise on a visit to his friend Lou Del Vecchio, manager of Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge on route 315, Pittston, Pa. Some 600 gathered at the dedication of Duke's Corner, at the Cocktail Lounge. Del Vecchio is a long time friend of the boxing gang.

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Let's not ignore the celebration at Jimmy Weston's of Jack Dempsey's 78th birthday. It was a close affair among intimate friends. Weston's is located on East 54th St. The Champ was in great spirits.

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One of the nicest chaps you'd care to meet on Broadway is little Al Reid, former crack featherweight now living with his family in Bayside, L.I. He had more than 100 professional fights. Managed by the late Sammy Goldman, likeable Al met many of our stars, including many champions – Chalky Wright, Mike Belloise, Petey Scalzo, Kid Chocolate, Beau Jack, Vince Dell Orto, Leo Rodak, Jimmy Perrin, of New Orleans, and Maxie Shapiro. . .His brother-in-law is Andre Jessurun, outstanding welterweight of his era, 1935 to 1942.

First Vice President of VBA Ring #8 in New York and one of our boxing judges. . .Al's wife Katherine teaches gymnastics in own studios. . .The couple have two children, Francine and Spencer. Francine, still going to college, once ran for Assemblywoman in Queens, while Spencer, who is 21, attending the University of California, is a member of the gymnastic team at Berkeley, Calif. Al, by the way, is still active, with the Elrene Moving Company of New York.

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Met an old friend at Dempsey's – Artie Levine – who had quite a career as a middleweight, functioning from 1940 to 1949. Managed by Sammy Aaronson. Among those whom he met were "Sugar" Ray Robinson, Sonny Horne and Jimmy Doyle. . .Artie is sales representative for Queensboro Volkswagen.

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Ring Magazine got a surprise visit recently from a crack welterweight from the years that were, a chap who met many of our best. His name Marty

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WITH FOREMAN, IT'S U.S.A. ALL THE WAY

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which includes Jim Carroll, his publicity and advance promotion director; Leroy Jackson, a close friend and personal manager; and Loren Cassina. . .a veteran boxing figure who holds the position of Foreman's advisor.

The champ's sly sense of humor came to light as he stated that: "Loren could be called the Henry Kissinger of the boxing world. That's how much he gets around!"

To a man, Foreman's staff members idolize him. As his publicist Jim Carroll put it: "He's a great guy to work for. He's always kind and considerate – but at the same time there's never any doubt that he's boss".

Unlike Ali and Frazier before him. . .George Foreman does not relish talking to a collection of the press. He was content to let Dick Sadler answer most of the questions directed at him. The queries, naturally, were concerned mainly with Foreman's next fight. On this subject Sadler was evasive.

Since my talk with Foreman he has broken up with Sadler. Just why, I do not know. The then manager sounded gabby enough. But maybe gab is not enough for the job. Now Leroy Jackson is in the pilot's seat of record.

(The break did not cause any surprise here as it had been rumored for weeks.)

Foreman attracted attention as a superb boxer. . .first in the Job Corps . . .and later in the Golden Gloves. He turned professional just three and a half years ago. . .and. . .displaying incredible strength and skill. . .fought his way through a series of knockouts to the world title.

"I'm so lucky", sighed Foreman. "Because lots of guys deserve to be the champion."

George's wry sense of humor surfaced again as he said: "There's about ten top contenders right now. And they range in personality from the devil to the disciples!" "But seriously", he went on, "there's guys like Ali. . .Frazier. . .Norton. . .Lyle. . .they all deserve the title too. Bur right now I'm the lucky one.

"And I am to show the people that I'm worthy of being the champ. I can handle myself pretty good in the ring. I can move. . .I can punch. . .I can be aggressive or defensive. . .whichever I have to be. Fighting is my only way of making a living. . .so I got to be real good at it".

The United States of America has. . .in George Foreman. . .one of its staunchest supporters. The champ becomes forceful and adamant when he talkes about his country.

"There's no place else in the world", he exclaimed, "where a poor black man like me can get to be heavyweight champion of the world. And while I'm the champion. . .I want to work with kids. . .and inspire them to high goals. I feel that if I can overcome what I did. . .anybody else can".

Foreman's work with children includes a George Foreman Scholarship Fund set up in the Houston schools. . . membership on the Texas Drug Abuse Council. . .and work with the retarded children of his home state.

"I'm not doing these things for publicity", exclaimed the hulking heavyweight. "I feel very strongly about helping kids. But I also think everybody should have to struggle some for what they want. I know my struggling made me a better man".

The champ continued: "I'm tryin' to do all I can to inspire my own kid brothers to make the most of themselves. My youngest brother wants to be a musician. So I bought him a guitar – and told him he better work hard and become a real top musician. This guy has to struggle to keep me off his back".

Foreman harbors a fierce love for his mother. . .and credits her with his ambition to achieve the championship. "I always had the drive to impress my mother", he beamed. "She spurred me on to work toward the heavyweight title. But, you know, she's never seen me fight except on television. I hope I can get her to come watch me when I defend my title. . .so she can see me fight live."

The heavyweight crown carries with it, besides wealth and glory, many responsibilities and many pitfalls. Foreman advised me that he has sacrificed most of his social life. . .for his dedication to boxing. Now. . .word has been received that George has filed for divorce from his wife of two years, Adrienne.

News of the divorce is somewhat shocking, since, on April 28, Foreman spoke in such glowing terms about his wife and baby that we were convinced love had landed a knockout punch on the champ!

His words on that date were: "Two years ago I went up to Minneapolis to develop a micro-film company with some friends. The business never worked out; but I did end up with a wife! And now, we have a baby girl. . .who is just 16 days older than my title. She was born last January 6th. I gave her a Japanese name: Michi – because I like the sound of it".

"I was training for the title fight", George continued, "when my daughter was born. But I was there by telephone. My wife was talking to me all through her labor pains. When a pain would hit her she would say: 'Hold on a minute – champ' – and then come back on the phone after it was over. The telephone is really an amazing invention. For two years we've practically lived by telephone".

This last statement conceivably explains the Foreman divorce action. Marriage-by-telephone is difficult for even a heavyweight champion to sustain.

A handsome man with the world heavyweight crown is, naturally, an irresistible magnet for women. We asked the then-married champion if he had trouble fighting off the females.

Foreman was the soul of diplomacy as he replied; "From time to time there are ladies that are impressed. I can't say anything bad about people as nice as ladies. But let's just say some of them get overly impressed by things like a title. But I just fix it so I turn them down gracefully!"

Foreman's philosophy about his title and his new life style shows him to be a unique breed of man. His modesty is rare and refreshing as he states: "You have to be realistic if you're going to live with yourself. I know I'm just the temporary champion. Guys like me come and go. Just remember: Ali got to Liston; Frazier got to Ali; I got to Frazier; and someday somebody will get to me. But I just hope I can be the heavyweight champion for as long as I want to be".

Foreman further expounded: "When you're the champion everybody is always telling you how great you are – and you have to be careful not to let it get to you. Sometimes you have to force yourself to keep working – but I make sure I always stay in top physical shape. Besides my tough training schedule – these exhibition bouts help keep me in shape. And they'll keep my name before the public until the time comes for me to defend my title".

"Were you surprised," I asked, "when you knocked Frazier out, especially the way you did?"

With his delightful grin and a wicked wink, Foreman answered: "Not nearly as surprised as Frazier was! You should have seen the look on his face. He just couldn't believe it!"

Although Foreman has wisely refrained from allowing himself to be awed by his title, he is understandably impressed by the things his new-found fame and wealth have brought him.

The kid who once could not afford a pair of shoes was named this year as one of the country's ten best-dressed

men by the American Fashion Foundation!

"It feels so great to be able to buy anything I want", sighed the champ. "I'm just crazy about clothes. Most of my clothes are made by a tailor in Oakland, California. This is the next town to Hayward – where my training camp is located – so his shop is pretty convenient. He tailors most of my outfits in burgundy or brown . . because these are my favorite colors".

And then. . .like a kid with a new toy. . .George exclaimed: "You know what I'm getting today? A custom-made burgundy Rolls-Royce! It's got everything – stereo tapes. . .cruise control. . .you name it – it's got it! I can't wait to drive it back to Houston – so my mother can see it."

Finally. . .George, the gallant gentleman, inquired: "You gonna come and see me box tonight? I want you to be there".

I informed Foreman I wouldn't miss it.

Following our interview. . .and following his evening exhibitions. . .we watched the magnetic young champion as he strode around the lobby and casino of the Circus-Circus Hotel. Each time the crowds gathered around him. . .a look of surprise flashed across his face.

The mantle of fame is still too new to be an integral part of George Foreman's personality. It seems he must mentally pinch himself to remember that he is now the heavyweight champion of the world – and that he will be surrounded and besieged by fans wherever he goes!

This. .then. . .is boxing's man of the moment. . .the world heavyweight champion. . .Mr. George Foreman. A new kind of champ. . .who brings to the title the refreshing qualities of gratitude and humility. . .

As the sports writers finished their interview of Foreman – the fighter – this Ring reporter remained to learn in-depth about George Foreman – the man.

In a person-to-person conversation, the king of boxing was much more relaxed. He settled back in a deep leather chair – and began talking to us like a long-time friend.

With the shy grin that lights his face, Foreman confided: "I like to answer the kind of questions you're asking me".

The champ then told. . .without a trace of bitterness. . .about his poverty-stricken childhood in Houston.

"We didn't have nothin'," he mused. "Poor is too good a word for our condition. What we was is 'po'. I can remember when I couldn't find two shoes to match.

"I used to wear one old shoe and one old boot. . .and go flappin' down the road in 'em to go to school.

"Now. . .look what boxing has done for me! Now I can wear custom-made boots and shoes – as many pairs as I want".

"You like these?" George asked. . . lifting his massive leg to show us the sharp burgundy suede boots. "My title bought me these!"

By the time he reached junior high, school had become a drag for the husky kid with unchanneled ambitions. And so he became the all too frequent "dropout".

"I couldn't find a job nowhere", declared George; "so the next thing I knew I was in the Job Corps. I was in some good company here. People like Jim Brown and Johnny Unitas were there with me. Here's where I started boxing. . .and for this I'll always be grateful to the Job Corps because boxing's been so good to me. It's given me everything I have".

We hope that he may be granted his wish: "To be the champion for as long as I want to be".

Meanwhile. . .the world of boxing will watch and weigh the interesting reign of George Foreman as King of the Ring!

DE JESUS TURNS BACK LAMPKIN

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back in a straight line from the attack of a confident DeJesus.

Esteban did most of the damage the rest of the way, scoring with good rights to the head and body. The only time he lost control was in the ninth when Lampkin looked a little like he did in the earlier going.

From the 10th round on it was DeJesus scoring at will, with Lampkin moving away. The last round appeared to be a big one for the Portland boxer until DeJesus tagged him with a right to the chin, his best of the afternoon, which took the steam out of a tired Lampkin.

The scoring of the contest was divided. Referee Arthur Mercante called it 10-2, judge Tony Castellano 8-3-1, and judge Nick Gamboli 6-5-1, all for DeJesus. The Ring scored it 7-5 for the winner.

DeJesus's manager, Gregorio Benitez, stated that DeJesus looked slow because of the T.V. lights and that the Felt Forum air conditioning was not working correctly. It must be noted this was the first time in a long period that DeJesus was forced to make the 135 pound limit. Possibly because of this he set a slower pace than when he can weigh over the limit.

Mike Morton, the manager of Lampkin, said he felt his fighter should have got no worse than a draw. Morton said that his fighter threw more punches, but that the judges seemed to count the aggressiveness of DeJesus as their criterion for scoring the bout.

One point Morton made was that Duran murdered Buchanan, Esteban destroyed Duran, but Lampkin's two bouts with the uncrowned lightweight king were close. He said, "This must make my fighter the number 2 lightweight in the world".

DUANE BOBICK DISPOSES OF ● KIRK IN SECOND SESSION ●

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

St. Cloud, Minn. — Heavyweight Duane Bobick, 210, made it five knockouts in five fights when he stopped Doug Kirk, 220, Lowell, Mass. at 1:16 of the second round at Halenbeck Hall.

Bobick had Kirk down five times. Bobick was especially sharp with long range punches to the head. In the first round Duane floored Kirk with a left to the head, the second knockdown also came from a left to the head.

In the second, a Bobick right felled Kirk. When he got up he was sent down again by a left hook to the jaw. Up again, Duane finished him off with a flurry of punches and Kirk was down. The fight was stopped.

Trainer Chickie Ferrera said, "He looked like a pretty good puncher." Bobick is now 5-0-0, Kirk is 12-4-1 with 1 no contest.

In the semi-final, Mike Morgan of Richfield, Minn. (11-1-2) stopped one very unknown James Arnold of Chicago in the third round of a middleweight mismatch.

▲The Minnesota Boxing Commission failed to renew the promoter's license of Gene Fesenmaier of Minneapolis. The Commission accused Fesenmaier of being the manager of heavyweight Rodney Bobick, however Pat O'Connor is the contracted pilot of Rodney.

▲Des Moines, Iowa — Dale Hernandez, Des Moines lightweight kept his unbeaten record intact by pounding out a unanimous ten round decision over Joe Cartwright of Miami, Fla. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

It was an action fight with the early going being a give and take on each fighter's part, especially the sixth as they took turns hammering away at each other, with Hernandez opening an inch long cut over Cartwright's left eye.

The eighth round saw Hernandez pound Cartwright on the ropes, but he could not put Joe on the canvas. Hernandez reopened the cut over Cartwright's eye in the ninth. Dale is now 18-0-0, Cartwright, 11-9-2.

In the semi-final, Lamont Lovelady, Des Moines decisioned John Townsend, Milwaukee, in a light heavyweight eight rounder.

Frank Formaro, Des Moines, won a split eight round decision over J. C. Wade, Springfield, Mo., middleweights.

Lightweight Johnny Copeland, Joplin, stopped Mike Harris, Cleveland, in the seventh round.

WBA-WBC JEALOUSIES CREATE PHONEY CHAMPIONS, NATIONALISM

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Rojas and Higgins for a world title. They should have waited as Legra, Famechon, Valdez and Winstone eventually all met anyway.

Next in line are the bantamweights where the real king is Romeo Anaya, the WBA champ, with the WBC backing Rafael Herrera.

This rift arose when Enrique Pinder, of Panama, who outpointed Mexico's Rafael Herrera in July, 1972, refused to face top contender Rodolfo Martinez within the time allocated by the WBC.

When Herrera signed to fight Pinder he did so with the understanding that if he won he would face Martinez within 90 days. He lost the crown to Pinder who, according to the WBC, was obliged to meet Martinez.

Pinder procrastinated and defended his crown six months later against Romeo Anaya. Both agreed to meet Martinez next. The WBC refused to accept the agreement and vacated the crown. Herrera KO'd Martinez in 12 rounds last April for the WBC title while Anaya flattened Pinder.

Since both are Mexican a match between them means big money and a fight looks certain for the Forum at Los Angeles.

The flyweight division comes next. Here the split goes back the farthest and yet at times was the easiest to solve.

After Savatore Burruni won the title early in 1965 he engaged in two losing over-weight bouts against Katsoyushi Takayama in Tokyo and Argentine Horacio Accavallo at Buenos Aires. He then signed to defend the title against Rocky Gattelleri in Australia but the WBA ruled he had to meet either Takayama or Accavallo in his first championship bout.

Burruni's manager contended that since it was his first title defense he could choose any of the top ten contenders, in accordance with WBA rules. They disagreed however and when Burruni went through with the match he was stripped of his title and a bout between Accavallo and Takayama was set to determine a new WBA titleholder.

Accavallo outpointed Takayama in Tokyo in March, 1966 while Burruni lost his crown to Walter McGowan who, in turn, was beaten by Chartchai Chionoi in 1967.

Accavallo announced his retirement in October, 1968, after having gone some 14 months without risking his "crown" (The WBA took no sanctions against him it should be pointed out) and their "title" became vacant.

It appeared the championship would be patched up once more when Chionoi, the legitimate world champ and top-ranked WBA contender, signed to defend the crown in February, 1969, against Mexican Efren Torres, the sixth-rated flyweight. Incredibly, though, the WBA sanctioned a match between former champ Hiroyuki Ebihara, a two time loser to Accavallo, and Brazil's Jose Severino.

Chionoi lost the championship to Torres while the WBA "crown" went to Ebihara. The Thailander regained the world title from Torres in 1970 with the WBA version going from Ebihara to Filipino Bernarbe Vileecampo and then to Thailand's Berkrek Chartvanchai.

As in the case of Shibata-Saijyo and Kobayashi-Numata we again had two men (Chionoi-Chartvanchai) holding the same title, yet the Federal commission of that nation refused to order them to fight.

Chionoi was stopped by Erbito Salvarria late in 1970 while Masao Ohba KO'd Chartvanchai for the WBA tiara.

Salvarria then became involved in one of the most controversial affairs in modern ring history when he accepted an $80,000 offer to face Betulio Gonzalez in Maracaibo, Venezuela. He retained his title by a draw vote only to be disqualified when it was alleged he'd used stimulants.

As a result the WBC vacated the title. A match between Gonzalez and Socrates Batoto for the title was won by Gonzalez. He lost his "championship" to Venice Borkorsor.

WBA champ Masao Ohba was killed in an auto crash in January of 1973 thus leaving that title vacant once again.

A match was made between deposed champ Salvarria and Borkorsor. The Thailand commission requested that the WBA sanction the match, thus giving universal recognition to the winner. Bill Brennan, WBA, refused stating he wanted, "30 day moratorium, in deference to Ohba".

Borkorsor outpointed Salvarria, who had boxed but once in 16 months. He then contracted to face Betulio Gonzalez. The WBA was asked to sanction this match for the universally accepted title but Brennan declined because, "prior to Ohba's death he had signed to face Fritz Chervet in Geneva". "A title bout", said Brennan, "would be good for Switzerland".

So the WBA announced that Chionoi would face Chervet for the "championship". Where did this match end up? In Bangkok, of course.

Now the WBA ruled that in order to gain full acceptance as champion the Chionoi-Chervet winner must face the victor of Borkorsor-Gonzalez—but seeing is believing.

At fault here is the WBA for allowing so many chances to create one undisputed champ pass them by and the WBC for taking Salvarria's title instead of just ordering a rematch between Gonzalez and him.

There you have the entire, twisted scenario. Quite a mess, isn't it?

Is there a viable solution to this chaotic affair that has reached incredible depths?

First, the WBA and WBC must get together and force the dual champions to meet. No longer can either organization yield to any commission, promoter or manager. Favoritism must be cast aside.

The option clause, which allows a promoter to tie up a champion for more than one fight, must be rigorously banned by both organizations. No promoter should be able to control a world champion. No fighter should have to sell his soul in order to obtain a title match.

A dual champion must be forced to accept the highest offer from any promoter to meet his counterpart.

A champion must be guaranteed three neutral officials to insure an honest decision should he fight for the undisputed crown in his rival's homeland.

No other title matches should be sanctioned by either the WBA or WBC in a weight class that has two champions until each agrees to meet the other.

This must be strictly enforced.

Sealed bids should be presented to both the WBA and WBC and the most conducive one will be chosen collectively, as the site of the fight.

Let's take this hypothetical situation as an example:

Promoters in New York, Panama and Los Angeles submit bids for a bout between Roberto Duran and Rodolfo Gonzalez for the undisputed lightweight crown.

New York offers $65,000 each, Panama $70,000 and Los Angeles $75,000.

The bout is awarded to Los Angeles.

Three neutral officials, selected concurrently by the WBA and WBC, are appointed. Two judges, one from Japan the other from Canada and an Italian referee officiate. Their expenses to be deducted from the champion's purses.

If one champ—say Duran—refuses to fight he is then simultaneously barred from boxing in any WBA or WBC affiliate nation—including Panama.

The next man in line, say Ken Buchanan, is nominated to meet Gonzalez for the undisputed title.

If Duran then decides to box he must face the winner or forfeit any title recognition.

These guidelines must be strictly and rigidly enforced.

In this way and in this way only can boxing survive and pull itself up out of the trough that the bickering between the WBA and WBC has left it in.

These motions must be implemented if

boxing is ever again to be recognized as anything but farce.

The following may serve as a postscript, or perhaps more appropriately post mortem, for the preceding article's message.

Between the time this composition was first drafted and the date it was to go to press the following events have transpired:

(I)...The WBA refused to sanction a world heavyweight title match, slated for Tokyo, between George Foreman and Joe "King" Roman, yet the rival WBC, perhaps to justify its president Ramon Velasquez's upcoming holiday in Japan, agreed to recognize the bout as a world championship affair; elevating Roman to the tenth contender spot in its ratings to do so.

(II)...The WBA pressured the Thailand Commission into removing titular recognition from legitimate champion Venice Borkorsor and recognize their bogus claimant Chartchai Chionoi instead.

WBA president Bobby Lee was able to glean a vacation in Bangkok as a result of this.

To compound the infraction, the WBC lifted recognition from Borkorsor, claiming he could no longer make the weight and stripped the undefeated southpaw of his title. That's what may be called unity for the sake of anarchy.

(III)...The New York State Athletic Commission lifted titular recognition from world lightweight champion Roberto Duran for failure to comply with a contract to face Ken Buchanan for the Madison Square Garden Boxing Club, Inc.

Duran's manager, Carlos Eleta, had offered Buchanan and Esteban DeJesus; whom the commission designated to fight it out for the "vacant" crown, title bouts in Panama but both declined.

This would give us three champions at the 135 lb. level: Duran, the winner of the Buchanan-DeJesus match and WBC champ Rodolfo Gonzalez.

Oddly, commission chairman Ed Dooley claimed he recognizes The Ring's world rankings as his yardstick, yet The Ring rates DeJesus and Gonzalez first and second. Why wasn't Gonzalez included in this "championship match"?

(IV)...Robert Turley, WBC ratings chairman called for elimination of the dual champions at the 1973 North American Boxing Federation convention in Seattle. Two days later WBC prexy Ramon G. Velasquez rejected the idea as "unfeasible".

One can clearly see that the world championship situation has deteriorated into the realm of farce. Only by imposing the proposals made earlier can we hope to eliminate this bane on boxing known as the dual champions and return some semblance of dignity to the words "world champion".

For once Bobby Lee and Ramon Velasquez, Edwin Dooley and Bill Brennan, Robert Turley and Jose Sulaiman must get together and work for the best interests of boxing and not for local commissions, promoters and managers.

Either eliminate the dual titleholders or eliminate world championships all together.

Remember a house divided cannot stand.

MONZON IS ALIVE AND WELL IN ARGENTINA, TALKS RETIREMENT

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myself only as his manager but something more. I see him as a man who drew himself a line of action in life, following it straight with hard work and seriousness, somebody who knows how to remain steadily on course.

"About his plans of retirement, it's up to C.M. As you know, I come from a line of people who'd been in this game for a long time. My father was the founder and director of the Luna Park Stadium with his co-partner Pace, both dead now, and all my life rotated around boxing and sports. I have seen many boxing stars, so I can outline an opinion on C.M. and his plans of retiring.

"I think our champion can go on not only for this year but for many to come. His boxing condition, his age, his hard working seriousness, open for him a long road. But, if he wants to retire, it is up to him to decide, even though considering my impressario status and consultant. In this special case, I'd let him—or his family—decide what he's going to do with himself next.

"His future is completely assured. His investments have been sound; apartment buildings, houses, some thousand acres of land, mortgages, money on fixed date savings in national and foreign banks.

"Monzon must be one of the few exceptions among boxers who follows sound expert advice, and has the innate intelligence to see what happened to others in his profession. Something very difficult to forecast when you're on top, because each one thought, 'I'm a wiser guy. Nothing like that is going to happen to me!' The road of life is paved with the 'wiser men who learned sad lessons.'

"C.M. doesn't plan far ahead. He likes to evaluate first what happened with the most recent one, and then look after the new proposals. There are, of course, several pending. And all in all, his present possibilities are those of a long standing world champion."

PHILLY SEES BRISCOE TAKE FUSE OUT OF "DYNAMITE" IN 8

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa. — Bennie Briscoe sustained his reputation as the "baddest" middleweight in the world with a gory TKO victory over Billy "Dynamite" Douglas. Referee Pete Tomasco, under advisement from the ringside physician, stopped the bout in 2:42 of the eighth round. Douglas's right eye, which had been streaming gore since the 4th round, was closed.

Briscoe jumped right on Douglas in the first round, pumping his left jab into Bill's face with jarring regularity. With 9,122 fans cheering him on, Bennie continued his attack into the second and dropped Douglas for a mandatory 8-count with a right to the heart. All this at the Spectrum.

"Dynamite" had his best round in the third as he jabbed and moved. But Briscoe never stopped coming and hooked open a cut alongside Billy's right eye in the fourth.

It was then just a matter of time as Briscoe continued to batter his foe's face with lefts and rights.

Douglas, who rode into town on the crest of a nine bout winning streak, landed plenty of leather himself but could not cope with Briscoe's constant pressure. The loss left Douglas a 26-7-1 log with 18 KO's. Bennie, a pound lighter at 159, is now 46-11-1, scoring 39 KO's.

Spectrum boxing director J. Russell Peltz was happy with the gross gate of $64,565, by far the best local house in several years.

The big win earned Briscoe over $14,000, the second highest purse of his career. Douglas took down $11,000, his largest by a long way.

In a supporting ten, Tyrone Everett, 125, looked impressive, blasting out New Yorker Eddie Garces, 120, in 1:41 of the first frame. The quick punching southpaw ran up his 15th win in a row to earn a main event spot in the near future.

Jimmy Savage, 150, scored two knockdowns en route to a third round TKO over crosstown rival Elwood Townsend. Savage, on a modest streak, is now 7-1-1.

Undefeated Camden, N.J. welter Greg Burch got off the floor to TKO local Ronald Brandon in the fourth and Atlantic City's Rochelle "The Roach" Norris, 212, out-brawled game Donald Branch, 202, in six.

Guy Gargan, 155, and Tyrone Taylor, 161, opened the show with a hard-fought draw and in the only bad fight of the night, Bobby Grasso outpointed Bobby Zeigler, both 147.

MAC FOSTER BEATEN IN ● CHICAGO 10 BY STALLINGS ●

By JIM BRADY

Chicago, Ill. — Bob Stallings, 212, New York, made his Chicago debut a happy one. He won a split ten round decision over Mac Foster, 222, Chicago.

The winner opened a cut over Foster's eye in the fourth round, and continually beat the transplanted Californian to the punch. Referee Stan Berg took the seventh round away from Stallings for butting.

Stallings, who entered the ring with an unimpressive record of 20-12-1, had been considered little more than a tuneup for Foster who had lost only to Jerry Quarry and Muhammad Ali in 33 fights.

Foster, who once flattened the late Sonny Liston in a sparring session, is at the crossroads of his career, and he should get in shape or retire.

In the semi-final, Chuck Wilburn, 140½, Cleveland, parlayed a left hand and nimble footwork into a ten round split decision over Roy Barrientes, 146½, Dallas.

Billy Goodwin, 150, Milwaukee, stopped Jesse Longoria, 144, of Dallas in the second round, after having the Texan down twice in the first. It was marred by inept refereeing that allowed the bout to continue long after it should have been stopped.

Tim Adams, 146, Chicago, won a unanimous 4 round decision over Tex Chrapno, 146, Milwaukee.

The card, promoted by Mrs. Lizel Jones, received virtually no publicity from the press, and consequently drew only about 600 fans.

▲In a six bout card in suburban Mundelein at the plush Big Horn Restaurant, Frank Steele, Chicago, stopped Larry Beilfuss, of Two Rivers, Wis. in the fifth round.

Beilfuss could not cope with Steele's probing left.

In the co-feature, globetrotting veteran Dave "Sugar" Wyatt, Richmond, Va., KO'ed Mando Pina, Mexico City, in two.

OLD BROADWAY

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Owens, still remembered by the fistic fraternity.

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Looking as fit as in the days when he was the owner of the flyweight title, Cpl. Izzy Schwartz, current financial secretary of the Moving Picture Machine Operators Union, in New York, is a regular to be found greeting pals while having luncheon at Dempsey's. . .Former president of VBA Ring #8 and a chap who likes to gossip about the good old days, Izzy recalls that although he fought heavier men he never weighed more than a flyweight. . .He was flyweight king from 1927 to 1929, having had more than 100 professional scraps, his boxing career starting in 1920 and winding up in 1929, having had two managers, Lew Barnett and Phil Bernstein. The Corporal and his wife Sarah have two married sons, Arthur and Martin.

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Harry Hershfield, famous wit, fight buff and cartoonist, never runs out of great yarns. His latest is about himself. . ."I was once a fighter and had 17 fights. Thought I was doing O.K. But my doctor settled that. The Doc told me: 'You are suffering from a physical deficiency. . .No guts.' That finished me."

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Remembers the Farber brothers from New York – Mickey and Lou. . .They were managed by the late Jimmy Johnston. . .Mickey will tell you that Lou, who boxed from 1930 to 1940 and was a bantam, was the better of the two. . .Mickey, a lightweight, did his ring work from 1936 to 1942. . .Ran into Mickey in his new job in the vault department of the Franklin Savings Bank, of which Harold Ott, a real sports buff and former football star at Erasmus Hall, is Vice-President. . .Mickey likes to tell the story about the names under which he fought. Right name Isadore, started first under that name, then as Maxie and later as Mickey Farber. . .Mickey, 54, member of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21 in Brooklyn, took his new post after retiring from the Navy Department where he was a shipfitter. . .Mickey and wife Lillian have two girls and a son.

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A member of Ring #8, VBA, Edward E. Semley, in the good old days was a crack lightweight, who saw service from 1947 to 1957, managed by Johnny Borrell, Adrian DeCosta and Al King. Recalls the many times Matchmaker Moe Fleischer used to put him on at Ridgewood Grove. Ellsworth still is with the Recreation Department, Board of Education, at Westinghouse High School, in Brooklyn. Semley had a ten year old protege, Garry Morris, a prospect not only in boxing, but baseball and basketball.

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VBA Rings have many former personalities on their membership rolls. . . Another is Bernie Miller, from New York, who met featherweights, lightweights, welterweights and middleweights. He saw action from 1938 to 1951, had 96 pro battles. His managers were Frankie 'Jay' Jacobs and Frankie Rivers, and trainer Howard Reed. Now 53, still single, Bernie has a security job.

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Many will not recollect all the oldsters of another era but they are still interested in boxing and VBA Ring members. Another from Ring #8 is Jerry Grieff, who hailed from the Bronx sector of New York. He saw action from 1935 to 1940, was a heavyweight, he gave up boxing when he was drafted into the Army. Was Athletic Director, Air Force, in Europe, and Aeronautical Navigator on B24 Liberator Bombers. Jerry had 65 pro skirmishes, one resulting in a one-round kayo over Art Lasky, a great prospect then. Still active in the business world.

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Recalling many events during the Summer periods, we still remember the great affair held at Diamond Jim's Restaurant, on Route 34, in Matawan, N.J., when President Syd Peskin and his gang wowed a sellout crowd, numbering many personalities of the coast from the squared circle, ex-champions and others, to make it one of the finest affairs of its kind held anywhere.

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Word comes from Philadelphia of the retirement of Jack Fried, after 50 years with the Philadelphia Bulletin, in which he covered boxing and handled other sports. Fried was well liked by all and in his later years had close contact with all Philadelphia promoters, including the venerable Herman 'Muggsy' Taylor. For a job well done, Jack, the gang in Ring Magazine salutes you!

RUSSIAN AMATEURS TOP U.S.

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Bobick a rough go in their televised Olympic bout.

However, the Russian's eye cut reopened and enabled Jones to win by TKO in round two when the Russian corner threw in the towel. Jones is now 22-3. He's a two-time N.Y. State heavyweight champion.

Four time Midwest Golden Gloves champion, Tony Drake, 147, So. Dak. won a close, argumentative decision over Victor Pavlov, who was the stronger of the two. Although much the shorter, Pavlov carried the fight to his American rival. Drake hit the deck in the second and was virtually finished at the bell. Somehow, he was awarded the verdict after the third.

Russian coaches serve in much the same capacity as their American counterparts in football. The Soviet captains give their men pep talks prior to the fights while providing well-detailed boxing illustrations on a chalk board set up in their dressing room.

After the fighting, the Russian team had a chance to relax and enjoy America. They did some touring and sight-seeing and were most enthusiastic over their encounter with a tribe of American Indians, all decked out in tribal regalia.

The Soviets had never seen such a sight and it really excited them. Their favorite main course at meal time was not steak as expected but fried chicken.

The Soviets, who understood little English, attended two American movies. They saw "Valachi Papers" about the Mafia and that failed to interest them. However, a western called "Jeremiah Jones", excited them because of the scenes featuring Indians.

As they used to say in the story books, a good time was had by all, except, that is, by the U. S. losers.

THE CHATTER BOX

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Paduano's wife, Linda, gave birth to an eight-pound boy . . . Two fighters named Hernandez will have their knees looked at. Bobby, a lightweight from L.A., hurt his falling off a motorcycle. Omaha's Dale fell doing roadwork . . . The best looking young welterweights in the world are Johnny Stracey, England; Fausto Rodriguez, Puerto Rico, and Marshall Butler, Canada . . . Puerto Rico's boxing boom is under the direction of promoter Pedro Montana with such attractions as bantamweight Andres Hernandez, junior welterweight Victor Ortiz, and lightweight Esteban DeJesus.

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LYLE DECKS BAILEY SEVEN TIMES ON WAY TO DECISION

By MIKE HAYES

Oklahoma City, Okla. — Sixth-ranked heavyweight Ron Lyle knocked veteran Lou Bailey to the canvas seven times enroute to a unanimous 10-round decision.

Lyle breezed to his 23rd pro victory against a lone setback, but he was foiled by a determined Bailey in his effort to notch his 18th knockout win.

The 6-foot-3½, 215-pound Lyle decked his opponent once in the opening frame, twice in the second round, twice in the third, once in the fourth and the final time in the eighth round.

Lyle mixed his punches beautifully, flooring Bailey with various combinations, lefts to the body, and right uppercuts. However, a left hook in the third round resulted in a bruised knuckle injury that will require about two weeks of rest, said his trainer, Bobby Lewis.

Judge James Williams scored it 98-91 for Lyle and Judge Bob Keough gave the nod to Lyle via a 95-90 count. Referee Leroy Miller scored it 98-90 in Lyle's favor.

▲**Bristol, Tenn.**—Undefeated heavyweight Duane Bobick scored his sixth consecutive knockout when he stopped Sylvester Murphy in the first round of their scheduled 8-rounder here.

Bobick, the Olympic heavyweight who won more national and international tournaments than any other amateur heavyweight in history, caught his opponent with a right-left-right combination. Murphy, counted out at the 1:04 mark, was on the canvas for several minutes.

Bobick, fighting out of Denver, weighed 211 pounds, Murphy, 210.

Murphy has a 5-2 record, and had a string of five straight victories going into his match with Bobick.

Bobick has scored KO wins over Tommy Burns (1st round); William Anderson (3rd); Jim Williams (5th); Clyde Brown (2nd); Doug Kirk (2nd) and Murphy.

JOHNSON OVER ROGERS IN SIX ● AS ALLIANCE RESPONDS ●

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

Alliance, Ohio — Local heavyweight Charley Johnson won a unanimous six round decision over Lou Rogan, Huntington, W.Va. Johnson took command at the opening bell and kept the heat on all the way. Johnson is a fine defensive boxer with beautiful combinations. His opponent is a puncher. Johnson came in at 199. His opponent weighed 210. Alliance responded well.

In the four round semifinal, Lightning Goode, 159, Akron, won over Dick Ramsey, 161, Alliance.

Doyle Baird, former middleweight contender from Akron, is employed by the Akron Beacon-Journal in the circulation department. In his leisure time, he trains Akron amateurs at the Rice-Baird A.C.

JIM SPELL SNAPS O'TOOLE ● STRING IN VIRGINIA BOUT ●

By JACK LEVINSON

Norfolk, Va. — 650 fans attended the Navy Relief Smoker at the Oceana Chief's Club. Elder Craft, 81-year-old referee, came out of retirement to handle one of the preliminaries.

Welterweight Jimmy Spell shattered the unsullied record of Hank O'Toole, in the 3 round feature, by a split decision.

Bobby Jordan, brother of (Speedy) Jordan, won a unanimous decision over Frank Joiner, of Yorktown, 3 rounds.

Welterweight Kevin Connor, of Norfolk, KOed Joey Ybarra of Yorktown in the second.

MAIYEGUN, NIGERIA, TURNS ITALIAN LAZZARI INTO YO-YO

By LEO VOLLNHOFER

Wels, Upper Austria — Nojim Maiyegun, of Nigeria, fighting for more than a year with an Austrian license, scored an impressive KO victory over Italy's middle cruiser Dante Lazzari. Maiyegun floored the Italian within four and a half minutes of fighting no less than four times, until Lazzari lifted his mitt in token of surrender.

In the semi-final, the reigning European junior lightweight champion, Lothar Abend, of Germany, overpowered veteran Boualem Belouard (Tunisia), also in two.

Two rounds sufficed for the Austrian middleweight boss Anton Schnedl to knock out German visitor Klaus Haevescher at that early stage. Undefeated lightheavyweight Fritz Kohler, last active member of five boxing brothers, scored a convincing points victory in six against Burhan Yesilbag, of Turkey.

Welter hopeful Esperno Postl repeated a points victory over German veteran Joachim Trautwein in six.

Manager and promoter Franz Kalal, who has built an interesting stable around Nojim Mayegun, is hunting for the services of the Japanese junior middles world champion Koichi Wajima. Australia offered Kalal a fight against the reigning Commonwealth champion Charkey Ramon on Viennese soil, providing referee-reporter Ray Mitchell were third man in the ring. Kalal decided that the risk involved is a little too big.

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending August 15, 1973

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ron Lyle beat Lou Bailey, 10.
Bunny Johnson halted Morris Jackson, 5.
Jose Roman kayoed Elmo Brown, 3.
Terry Hinke stopped Dave Lee, 1.
Pedro Lovell kayoed Cliff McDonald, 1.
Boone Kirkman beat Jack O'Halloran, 10.
Bob Stallings defeated Mac Foster, 10.
Pat Duncan decisioned Fred Lewis, 10.
Jerry Houston beat Rodell Dupree, 6.
Billy Freeman decisioned Ed Bailey, 6.
Bill Carson outpointed Art Savage, 6.
John Dennis halted Paul Simonetti, 5.
Larry Frazier stopped John Marbury, 2.
"Him" kayoed John Jackson, 1.
Bill Hardney stopped Sylvester Wilder, 6.
John Giroski beat Ben Benjamin, 6.
Iran Martin halted Reggie Fleming, 2.
Rochell Norris outpointed Donald Branch, 4.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Al Boldon kayoed Stanley Johnson, 1.
Jorge Ahumada halted Hal Carroll, 8.
Brian Kelly beat Bob Crutison, 10.
Ray White defeated Koroseta Kid, 10.
Freddie Bright stopped Willie Wilson, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Miguel DeOlivire beat Carlos Marks, 10.
Bunny Sterling lost to Max Smith, 10.
Juan Carlos Duran defeated by Jacques Kechichian, 9, E.B.U. Jr. Middleweight Title.
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Tony Licata kayoed Art Hernandez, 8.
George Davis kayoed Mike Seyler, 5.
Mike Morgan halted Jas. Arnold, 2.
Steve Ewell beat Ray Flores, 10.
Harold Weston stopped Vito Antuofermo, 5.
Eddie Gregory decisioned Jose Anglada, 8.
Rudy Robles kayoed Clarence Geigger, 1.
Robert Hoye stopped Bobby Garrett, 1.
Leo Saenz halted Johnny Shufford, 2.
Dave Love beat Marco Gerardo, 10.
John L. Sullivan decisioned Denny Moyer, 10.
Lamont Lovelady outpointed Adam Moore, 8.
Felton Marshall beat Raul Fernandez, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Fausto Rodriguez kayoed Roland Pryor, 1,
Cliff Johnson, 2.
Oscar Alvarado stopped Dino del Cid, 2.
Renato Garcia halted Gustavo Garcia, 10.
Angel Espada kayoed Al Cook, 3.
Tony Garcia beat Roberto Sosa, 10.
Danny McAloon decisioned Pat Murphy, 10.
Buddy Boggs kayoed Jesus Alicia, 6.
Jose Rodriguez outpointed Ray Chavez, 10.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Alfonso Frazier beat Victor Ortiz, 10.
Carlos Gimenez kayoed Jorge Pena, 1.
Piero Ceru outpointed Romano Fanali, 12.
Tony Ortiz defeated Turk Kamaci,
E.B.U. Junior welterweight title.
Mario Guilloti stopped Francisco Fernandez, 2.
Shinicho Kadota halted Bernardo Magu, 9.
Ray Seales beat Leroy Romero, 10, Frank Davila, 10.
Joe Grier defeated Cruz Ramos, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Esteban DeJesus outpointed Ray Lampkin, 12,
American Lightweight Title.
Ould Makloufi stopped Carmelo Coscia, 3.
Hugo Gutierrez kayoed Miguel Piriz, 1.
Angel Rivera drew with Gustavo Briceno, 10.
Buzzsaw Yamabe beat Masataka Takayama, 10.
Andy Price outpointed Lou Blades, 6.
Luis Hernandez decisioned Domi Custado, 10.
Roscoe Frazier stopped Dave Bronson, 4.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Sammy Goss beat Jose Fernandez, 12,
American Junior Lightweight Title.
Love Allotey lost to Frankie Otero, 10.
Jorge Ramos outpointed Jesus Robles, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Ernesto Marcel kayoed Antonio Gomez, 12,
W.B.A. Featherweight Title.
Bert Nabalatan stopped Chuey Rodriguez, 6.
Oscar Mendez beat Ramon Duarte, 10.
Antonio Jimenez halted Antonio Villasante, 5.
Rigoberto Riasco decisioned Lionel Hernandez, 10.
Valente Vera kayoed Julio Leal, 1.
Art Hafey stopped Fernand Beaudin, 2.
Tyrone Everett stopped Eluid Garces, 1.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Romero Anaya stopped Kyu Chang Chul, 8, non-title.
Julio Rodriguez beat Raul Tirado, 8.
Jose Soto outpointed Jorge Torres, 10.
Cordobes Lopez kayoed Silvino Aguilar, 1.
Jose Hernandez stopped by Pedro Jimenez, 3.
Antonio Leon Hernandez halted Antonio Castaneda, 8.
Luis Garcia kayoed Joe Del Angel, 2.
Babe San Martin stopped Cesar Ordones, 9.
Rufino Gallegos halted William Garcia, 4.
Jose Murillo Medel beat Victor Ramirez, 10.
Jose Casas beat Jorge Altamirano, 10.
Andres Hernandez defeated Chuy Arocha, 10.
Benicio Sosa outpointed Jorge Altamirano, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

Venice Borkorsor kayoed Julio Guerrero, 6, non-title.
Lorenzo Gutierrez beat Manuel Montiel, 10.
Vicente Pool outpointed Fermin Gomez, 12.
Miguel Canto kayoed Alfredo Rodriguez, 5.
Mario Chavez halted Ramiro Garcia, 3.
Francisco Torres drew with Renato Ocampo, 10.
Abundio Cortes beat Juan Guzman, 10.
Francisco Marquez drew with Ramon Martinez, 10.
Zurdo Munoz defeated Jose Pool, 6.
Porfirio Ordonez beat Chamaco Munoz, 4.
Ricardo Delgado lost to Cochul Montiel, 10.
Chano Rodriguez outpointed Leo Palacios, 10.
Lupe Trujillo kayoed Memo Aguilar, 3.
Antonio Lopez halted Eduardo Martinez, 6.
Gorgonio Zuniga stopped Cuyo Tovar, 8.

BUGNER ASTONISHED AT FRAZIER'S SHAPE

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tucking his head into his opponent's chest, thus nullifying Bugner's superior reach.

What happened with the knockdown I shall never know. Bugner was hurt, his arms dropped, he sagged, but was still upright. There was nothing in the world and in the rules to prevent Frazier from following up and probably stopping him.

Instead, for some inconceivable reason, Frazier held back, and the chance was lost, for by then Bugner had slipped to the canvas.

After the fight Frazier was quoted as saying that if he had landed another blow he might have killed Bugner.

I can't imagine any professional having what was termed "mercy" on an opponent. Surely the object of the exercise was for Frazier to try and stop Bugner.

Bugner's manager Andy Smith advanced the theory that Frazier thought the first punch was enough, and that he (Frazier) thought Bugner wouldn'g get up once he went down.

Andy compared this to a golfer hitting a ball, and knowing when he had hit it correctly, feeling it in his arms. This, he said, was how Frazier must have felt. But he underestimated Bugner's recuperative powers.

Instead, having let Bugner off the hook, he proved that he too could be hurt immediately after Bugner rose to continue the fray. Whether he was just careless, whether he thought Bugner wouldn't have much power left, all this is mere conjecture, but certainly he was caught fairly and squarely by a right hand that closed his left eye, and from then on he looked a weary man.

I would say that Bugner, although more marked facially, finished the stronger of the two.

Summing up Frazier, I don't think he is now as good as he was against Muhammad Ali, I believe his punch is not as potent as hitherto, but he is still a worthy contender for his old title.

Regarding physical fitness, this is difficult to judge. Certainly he seemed all right until the tenth, when he took that right hand and looked tired in the two final rounds. But I thought he was taking short "breathers" in each round, and not able to keep up the pressure for the whole time.

Bugner did considerably better than most critics thought he would. Hardly anyone thought he could win it, many thought he would be stopped. But although being beaten, he put up a magnificent performance, showing courage, the ability to fight back when hurt, and his physical fitness could not be questioned. He was in fine condition, and this stood him in good stead.

There were occasions when he was able to use his accurate left jab, and there were occasions when he caught his opponent with hard rights to the head. But manager Smith said afterwards that the biggest difficulty was Frazier's height.

"If Frazier had been six inches taller he would have suited Bugner much better," he stated. "As it was, Joe had to punch downwards, with Frazier's head level with Bugner's belly-button. I wish it had been George Foreman in there. We would have had a better fight, and Bugner would now be world champion."

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By BO ZAINE

Sao Paulo, Brazil — Miguel DeOliveira, rated middleweight, had to work hard to gain a points decision over veteran Carlos Mark from Trinidad-Tobago. Miguel started well in winning the first four rounds with a one-point advantage in each of the rounds. In the fourth, he decked Mark with straight rights which caught Mark off balance. Mark had to take the mandatory eight count.

After those four rounds, Miguel started to fade. He seemed to have lost his rapid punches, his fast moves and Mark every now and then connected with a right hand to the mid-section.

Middleweight Valdir Silva knocked out former South American amateur champ Antonio Almeida in the third round after decking him twice in the first.

Danilo Batista, bantam prospect, was far too good for Eliezer dos Santos, who gave up after the first round. Welter Expedito Alencar won once again. This time he outpointed Tarcisio das Dores over six.

Olympian light heavyweight Waldemar Paulino made his pro debut a winning one by stopping Benedito Rodrigues in the second round.

▲**Sao Paulo**—Luiz Faustino Pires, Brazil's South American heavyweight champion, defended his title with ease in halting Domingos Silveyra from Uruguay in the seventh round. Pires played with his inexperienced foe, but when he received a hook on his right eye, which started to close, he let go with fast combinations that made Bilveyra cover up. In the seventh, Pires was so dominating that the referee halted the fight.

Featherweight Roberto Santana defended his Brazilian laurels in a fast fight with Enilson Gomes. Santana was on the receiving end when he suddenly connected with a left cross, which caught Gomes right on the chin and down he went. Gomes hardly made it through this fifth round. In the sixth however, Santana hunted his by now groggy foe and in the end of the round Gomes' trainer, Aristides Jofre, threw in the towel.

Juarez DeLima hurt his right hand in the first round against Argentinian Santos Paz. Had Paz been a good boxer he could have won the fight, but DeLima easily defeated him over ten rounds with only the left hand fit. Jose Fellotti, Uruguayan middle halted Jose Assumpcao in the sixth round.

▲**Rio De Janeiro**—Jose Rodrigues, lightweight from Sao Paulo, had no problems in beating Sebastiao Pereira, Belo Horizonte over eight rounds.

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▲**Sao Paulo**—Jose DePaula, unbeaten feather, got closer to a Brazilian title fight with Roberto Santana by outpointing Joao Satirio over ten rounds. This was an elimination fight for the right to challenge Santana.

DePaula holds an earlier win over Santana.

The semi-final saw Jose Rodrigues get off the floor in the first round, to hammer out the decision over eight rounds of lightweight fighting against veteran Joao Aziago. Manoel Vieira, former amateur champ of South America, pro-debuted with a four rounds decision over Josias Melchiades in a feather bout. Also debuting, lightweight Nivaldo Mariano outpointed Aparecido Batista in four.

▲**Sao Paulo**—Valdir Silva, middle, had to go the distance against "carioca" Adalberto Nascimento. Silva put Nascimento on the floor three times, once in the fourth round and twice in the eighth and last round.

Bantamweight Danilo Batista used only one round to get rid of Severino DeSouza. In another bantamweight fight, Pedro Domingos had some problems in outpointing Jose DeSouza. The decision in favor of Domingos was booed. Two lightweight debutants, Nelson Wagner and Valter Satiro shared the points after four rounds.

▲**Santo Andres**—Welter Expedito Alencar easily outpointed Vitor Manoel over six rounds.

NOTES FROM THE COAST

By ABE HOCHHEISER

Los Angeles, Calif. — The Sacramento Valley Boxing Association held a Boxers of Yesteryear dinner at the "Rancho Americano Spa" in Sacramento honoring former boxer and newsman Billy Mahoney. In attendance were Millio Militti, Little Caesar, Jack Downey, Marcel Thuru, Newsboy Millich, Fred Apostoli, Jack Silver, Johnny Foster, California Joe Lynch, Joe Herman, Floyd "Red" Taylor, Mike Brennan, Johnny Corona, Young Corbett III, Ed Helzer, Mario Duccini, Ernie Eredia and Dick "Kid Herman" Haase.

Louis Alfonso Moreno, assistant public relations director of the George Parnasus-Don Fraser Forum Boxing Promotions, who manages Hugo Bazzara, the lightweight, is the spanish speaking sportscaster for Saturday nights video tape boxing bouts on UHF channel 34 Los Angeles, Texas, Miami and New York. . .Former bantamweight of the 20's and 30's Bobby O'Dowd, who fought Henry Hook and Everett Rightmire, owns Windy City Distributors Postage Stamp Vending Machine Company, Chicago, Ill. . . .Former heavyweight of the 30's Art Lasky, who fought Primo Carnera and James J. Braddock, now resides at Desert Hot Springs, California, is a registered physical therapist and the street where he has his business office has been named Lasky Drive.

The Golden State Veterans Boxing Association sponsored a dinner honoring former heavyweight Lou Nova. In attendance were former champs Jimmy Carter, Jimmy McLarnin, Mushy Callahan, John Henry Lewis, Fidel LaBarba. Also Golden Boy Art Aragon, Frankie Garcia, Clarence Henry, wrestling's Mike Mazurki. Golden State VBA officers President Noble "Kid" Chissel, Vice-President Gene "Spider" Mock, Secretary-Treasurer Georgie Levine. M.C. was Jimmy Lennon. Proceeds from the affair went to the Golden State VBA welfare fund.

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By JIMMY JOHNSON

Vancouver, B.C. — Local middleweight Dave Simmons rang up his fourth straight win at Las Vegas when he stopped Jesus Gonzales in eight. Simmons stopped Tommy DelVechio in one, Faustin Perez and Chu Chu Jaurez in eight, all via the KO route.

Les Vegas was stopped by Johnny Rico in Phoenix and dropped a duke to George Mankins at Seattle in his only action this year. Les scales 156 pounds.

Nelson heavyweight Tommy Burns was halted by Duane Bobick recently at Minneapolis but says he is going to continue fighting.

He is scheduled to box Chuck Borden in his next fight. Burns has lost the big ones in fights with George Chuvalo, Mac Foster, Tony Doyle and Orville Qualls.

Irish Tony Dowling who won three out of five bouts last year is now campaigning in South America.

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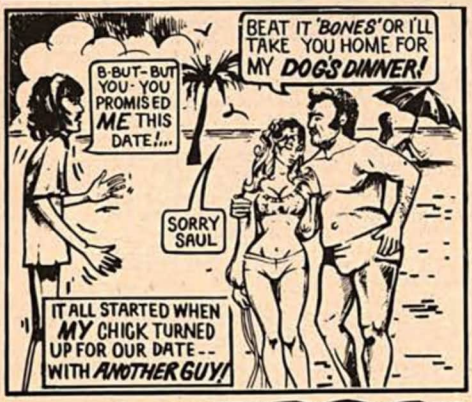

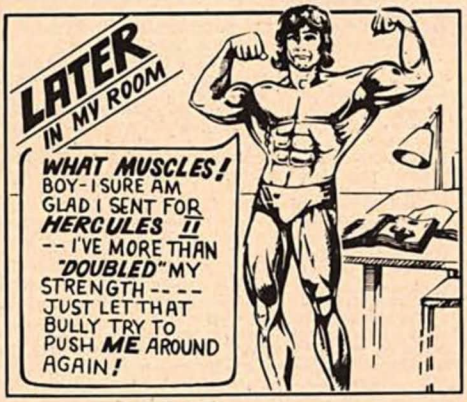

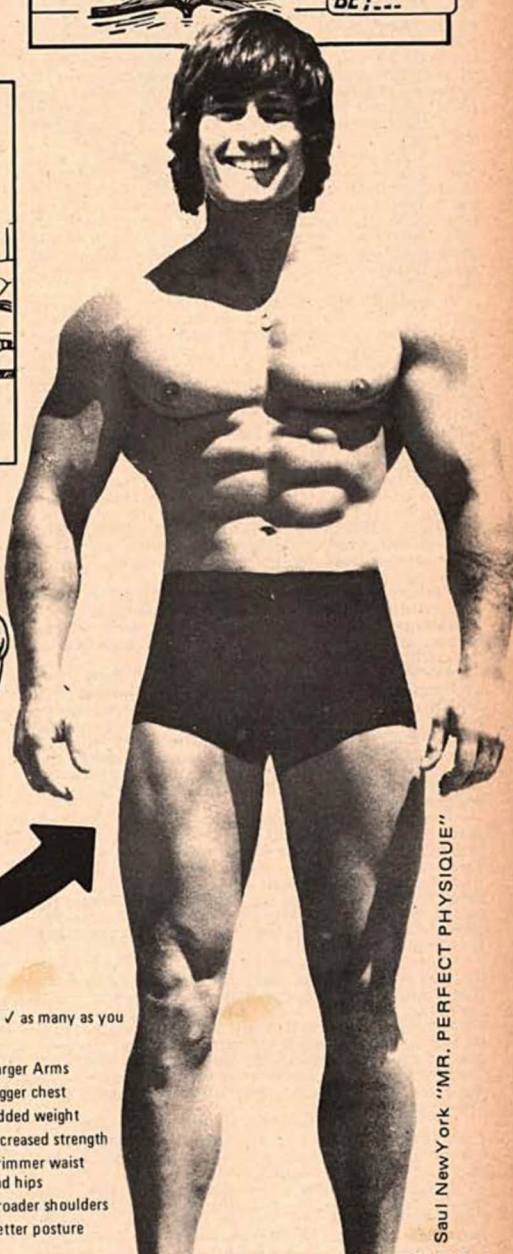

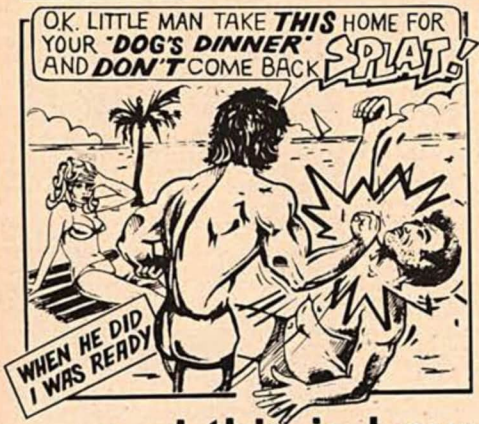

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KING MOVES INTO VEGAS, GIVES LEAL A BEATING

By ROBERT MOSS

LAS VEGAS, NEV. — It is good news when a king comes to town. In the case of Las Vegas the king was Gil King, California welterweight star. He has decided to make Las Vegas his home. In his local debut he added to an impressive record with a decision over Manny Leal, of Mexico.

The King comeback almost didn't come off. Returning to the ring after a long layoff he had to draw on all his skills and experience to gain the nod. Judges Hal Miller and Art Lurie favored the winner, 46-44 and 46-45, respectively, but Lou Tabat thought Leal the winner by a 47-46 edge. The fight was part of the weekly Strip Fight of the Week Silver Skipper program.

When King entered the ring looking very "royal" in purple velvet trunks and robe, spectators were not sure whether they were about to witness a fight or some kind of karate exhibition. King had shaved his head "Hare Krishna" style for the occasion. Whether it was his lack of hair (he said he had shaved because of the hot weather) or gym work, King, 146½, looked very rusty as Leal, 147, took advantage to score well in the early going. After the fight he expressed surprise that King "was so easy to hit."

But from the seventh round on, King, who had been pursuing a futile head hunting strategy, began to work on Leal's body. The early lead that the Mexican fighter had piled up began to dissipate. The pace, which had not been very fast, slowed even more to allow the veteran a big finish in which he was able to put his combinations together for the first time in the fight.

The win gave King, who began his career with 22 straight wins, a record of 32-3-1. He has scored 19 knockouts and been stopped twice by Crespin Benitez and Armando Muniz. Some dissatisfaction with his handlers in California resulted in a long layoff even though he had bounced back from his loss to Muniz with two wins and a draw in 1972. He says he likes Las Vegas but "my determination just isn't back after my ten month layoff. I need a lot of gym work."

Leal has had only a third the number of battles of King. He said he was impressed with Gil but said he couldn't compare with his toughest adversary, current W.B.A. lightweight champ, Rudolfo Gonzalez, who had KO'ed Leal in seven rounds in 1972 in Manny's unlucky seventh pro fight.

Perhaps in line with his glittering new surroundings, King is said to be handled by a female manager, Mrs. Fable Silver, who to the disappointment of male spectators was not in his corner for his contest with Leal.

▲Willie "Bird" Jensen has had only five professional fights following an impressive amateur career. But no fighter in memory has had Las Vegans so excited as the eighteen year old Jensen. And few have looked as good a prospect. Part of this stems from the fact that Jensen is a genuine flyweight, one of a handful of native Americans who can make this difficult weight limit.

Jensen corralled wins number four and five this month. Willie won every round on all three judges' (Nevada uses a three judge system) score cards in outclassing Jewell Chappell, 114, of Los Angeles. Chappell's announced weight was said to differ from his actual poundage by about ten pounds. He was much too slow for Jensen who at 113 was one pound over the flyweight limit.

▲Jensen was knocked down for the first time in his career but got up to win his second easy five round decision, this time over Flash Zaldivar, 113, of L.A. who knocked Jensen, 110, down with a left hook that surprised Willie in the opening round. Jensen disdained the rest period and bounced right up to take the count before he came back to carry the battle to Zaldivar, who caught him with the hook again in the second round.

In the third "Bird" turned things around. Fighting "smart" until the finish he utilized his superior reach and speed and shook the heavier man up with some quick flurries.

The scoring gave the loser only the first round. And one of the judges gave Jensen a "comeback credit" here. Nevada scoring provides that if a fighter is knocked down but comes back to overwhelm his opponent, he will not lose the round or will lose only a point.

▲The well-traveled George "Scrapiron" Johnson seems to have found a home in Las Vegas. Though he lives and trains in Los Angeles his most recent three wins have all been here. The latest was over Johnny Robinson, 197, of L.A. Johnson, 225, stopped him in three rounds. Though Johnson was never able to floor the lighter man, his pressing energy-sapping tactics and powerful body blows kept Robinson effectively pinned during the short battle. The end came at 1:25 of the round with Johnson pounding at a helpless Robinson's kidneys in a neutral corner.

Johnson is only one of two fighters to last the distance with Joe Frazier before he became champion. He has fought two other former champions as well as many of the top heavyweight performers of a decade from Eddie Machen to Jerry Quarry.

After he had disposed of Robinson he said that the only difference between his training now and in past years is that "Before I would only train hard for the big name fighters. Now I work hard for everybody."

His previous local wins were over Dave Sherman, Sacramento, whom he knocked out in two rounds and Texan Terry Sorrells, who was stopped in four.

▲If such a thing is possible, Peter Cobblah, a Las Vegas resident by way of Ghana, could be described as a large pygmy. A murderous puncher with both hands, Cobblah's short stature and lack of reach put him at a distinct disadvantage against most opponents.

Though he has won 32 of 68 total fights by knockout he has also lost the same number of decisions, the latest against veteran Chuchu Garcia. By contrast, coming up to his contest with another hard puncher, Jesus "Baby" Araiza of Mexico, Cobblah has won only two fights by decision, one eight and one ten.

Cobblah's fights have almost uniformly seen him going all out for a quick KO and if he is not able to stop his opponent, tiring badly in the later rounds and losing the decision.

But Araiza was replaced by last minute substitute, Jose Miranda, of Mexico, and Cobblah was able to pace himself well enough to pull out an unpopular, but well-earned split decision. Ironically, Cobblah's win was based on a big final round. Judge Tabot thought the fight was a draw, 46-46, but Lurie and Miller voted for the winner, 46-45 and 47-45, respectively.

▲Dave Adkins has been complaining of a lack of opponents. But in two consecutive Las Vegas appearances, his second bout, a five round technical knockout of Art Davis of Los Angeles was the more impressive. In his previous start, Adkins had won a highly disputed split nod over veteran Ronnie Wilson, a late sub for Denny Moyer.

Against Davis, Adkins was on top from the opening bell. A fighter who relies primarily on his left, he socred consistently with a quick left jab which had Davis bleeding from inside the mouth. The Boston fighter turned slugger in the fourth and turned the left into a well-timed hook which knocked Davis down at mid-ring. Adkins hurt Davis repeatedly with the left as Art tried to hold on by hanging in close. He was not able to answer the bell for the next round.

Though Adkins had been in charge throughout the fight, Davis did manage to catch him in a corner and bring him to one knee with two rights to the body. The punches couldn't have been too disturbing to Adkins for he winked at ringsiders through the ropes as he went down. He took the mandatory eight count standing, though to many the knockdown looked more like a push.

▲A double main event found David Oropeza and Rocky DiFazio continuing win streaks. Oropeza, the Southern Nevada Fighter of the Year in 1972, won a unanimous ten round decision over Jesus "Chuchu" Carreon of Los Angeles. It was his ninth win in ten starts with only a draw with Chuchu Garcia marring the former National Golden Gloves winner's latest winning streak.

DiFazio, Chicago, had been scheduled to go against Raul Fernandez. But he had to settle for a substitute, Bob Smith, whom he stopped in three minutes plus, after seemingly being on the verge of oblivion himself.

Smith, 161, Los Angeles, had several things going against him. He had been inactive for close to a year and had been in the gym only two months according to his handlers who also said that he had trained several rounds earlier in the afternoon, not knowing that promoter Bill Miller would be summoning him to fight that night.

Undaunted, Smith threw everything he had at Rocky, 157½, who has been a notoriously slow starter in most of his fights. Hitting DiFazio at a ratio of about seven to one, Smith had Rocky dazed and covering up at the bell. But going to his corner after winning the round big, it was also obvious that Smith, feeling the effect of a few of his opponent's powerful left hooks, had just about shot his bolt in the three minutes of fast paced activity.

Both men looked weary beginning round two but DiFazio was the fresher. He hurt Smith with two short rights and knocked him down with a left hook. Smith got up dazed after taking a nine count and DiFazio quickly knocked him out with a left, right and then a grazing left, all to the head. It was his seventh win in eight starts and his sixth knockout. It also represented some redemption for a draw he had just managed to eke out against more experienced Rossario Zavala in the Slipper in his last start. With a 17-5-2 pro mark, Smith had also had over twice the experience as Rocky.

Oropeza, 148, of Phoenix, bombarded Carreon, 147½, Los Angeles, with an arsenal of hard combinations in the first five rounds. He then appeared to coast for the next few sessions, taking his rest breaks inside, before staging a strong finish that was reflected by the scoring, 49-41, 49-42, and 49-43.

Carreon was the stronger of the two and tried to intimidate Oropeza and pressure him into the ropes. But David was much too quick for him. Chuchu was seldom able to land more than one punch at a time.

Oropeza was sometimes reluctant to lead with a conventional left but instead tore into his opponent with one-twos sometimes started by a quick short right. This unconventional plan of attack, coming from someone who is primarily known as a boxer, may be due to some gun-shyness induced by knockouts at the hands of four opponents, three of them middleweights. He has won 28 times, stopping eleven of his opponents.

OTHER RESULTS

▲Larry Shelton, 152, Las Vegas, Dec. J. C. Mallett, 156, L.A., 5 rds.; George Clark, 185, Las Vegas, stopped Lee Mittchel, 185, Phoenix, 2 rds.

Johnny Montagne, 145, Phoenix, KO Tony Ortega, 148, Las Vegas, 2 rds.; Mike Avans, 157, Phoenix stopped Joe Oliveras, 158, L.A., 5 rds.; Leroy Haley, 143, Las Vegas dec. Joe Falcon, 147½, Phoenix, 5 rds.

Shelton, 155, split dec. Raul Fernandez, 157, L.A., 5 rds.; Dave Sherman, 214, Sacramento, dec. Lloyd Price, 190, Phoenix, 6 rds.

Mallett, 150, dec. Montagne, 148½, 5 rds.; Don Nelson, 208, Phoenix, stopped Ray Thomas, 185, L.A., 4 rds.; T. W. Smith, 143, L.A. stopped Leon Price, 142, Phoenix, 1 rd.

Falcon, 146, KO Frank Buenestro, 146, L.A., 3 rds.; Haley, 139, dec. Ezra Davis Jr., 140, Las Vegas, 4 rds.

McMILLAN OVER BROUGHTON IN EIGHT AT TORONTO

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Toronto, Can. — Over eight rounds, Roy McMillan (Cleveland), 163, won over Gary Broughton (Brantford), 160. McMillan in scoring his second win over the Brantford slugger was slow off the mark and was decked for eight counts in the first and second rounds by Broughton who was looking for a quick KO.

In the third round a low blow by Broughton caused the referee to halt the bout to give McMillan time to recover.

From then on in, McMillan began to pile up points offsetting the aggressive rushes by Broughton. The final two rounds were fought at a fast clip and at the final bell McMillan was a winner on all three cards.

▲**Toronto**—The latest ratings issued by the Canadian Boxing Federation show very little in the way of new talent or contenders capable of winning national titles. What with the retirement of Reynald Cantin (Montreal), the lay-off forced on Fernand Marcotte (Quebec) due to an arm operation, the rapid decline of Bill Drover (Montreal) plus very limited action in the heavyweight, light heavyweight and lightweight divisions, Canadian boxing fans have little to become excited over.

Canadian heavyweight champion George Chuvalo has no contenders for the title; light heavyweight champion Gary Summerhays (Brantford) has a #1 "contender," Al Sparks (Winnipeg) who is well past the forty year mark. Canadian middleweight champion, Dave Downey still has the ability to duck his top contenders when it comes to a title defense.

Clyde Gray (Toronto) Canadian & Commonwealth champion has a logical contender in Marshall Butler (Montreal), if such a match could be made it would be by far the best Canadian fight of the year. However each fighter seems more interested in fighting for the middleweight title rather than fighting each other.

In the lightweight division current champion, Al Ford (Edmonton) has been unable to defend his title in two years through the lack of contenders. Ford now seems to be out of the running as a serious contender for world or commonwealth championship honors.

In the featherweight, bantamweight and flyweight classes, all are without champions. Latest ratings and top contenders are as follows: heavyweight, George Chuvalo (Toronto), no contenders. Light heavyweight, Gary Summerhays (Brantford), #1 Contender, Al Sparks (Winnipeg). Middleweight, champion, Dave Downey (Halifax), #1 Contender, Gary Broughton (Brantford). Welterweight, champion, Clyde Gray, (Toronto), #1 Contender, Marshall Butler (Montreal). Lightweight, champion, Al Ford, (Edmonton), No. 1 Contender, Paul Tope (Quebec).

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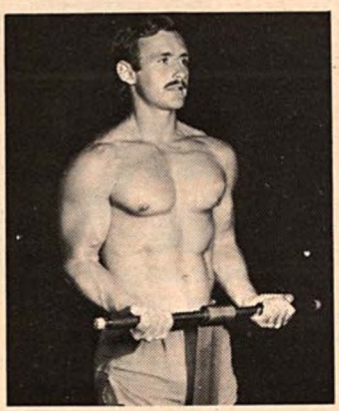

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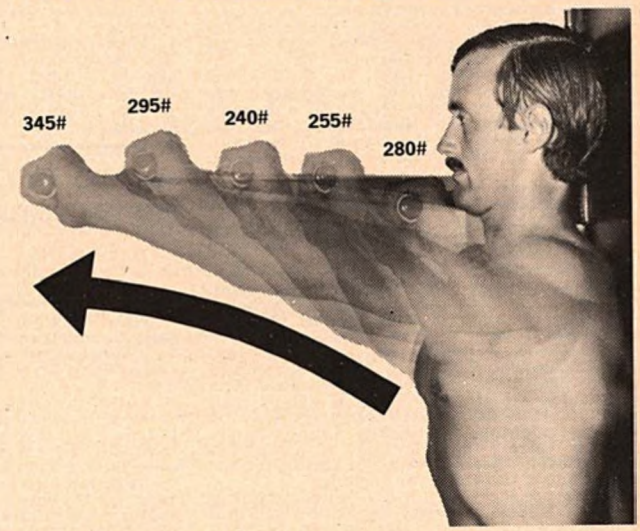

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PEPPERMINT TOO STRONG FOR ● ORTIZ, DECKED IN FIRST ●

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

San Juan, Puerto Rico — Former junior welter titleholder Alfonso "Peppermint" Frazer surprised Victor Ortiz with a piston-like right to the jaw half way thru the first round. It dropped the local favorite on the seat of his pants for a mandatory eight count.

Ortiz weathered a stormy first round to edge the second and third rounds as he went all out in his attempt to turn the tide.

Frazer, on the other hand, took command from the fourth on and was never headed. He counterpunched his ever rushing opponent effectively and proved that despite his two recent kayo losses at the hands of Antonio Cervantes, he is still a fighter to be reckoned with.

In another ten, welter Angel Espada had too many guns for Al Cook. The referee called a halt when Cook could not come out for the third after being on queer street at the close of the second round.

Dominican welter Fausto (Ceja) Rodriguez scored a two round TKO over Cliff Johnson. Cliff went down early in the first and was being plastered in the second when referee Cardona called a halt.

Welter Jose Peterson had an easy time against Ecuadorian Guillermo Taco, who should not have been in the same ring with Jose. The referee called a halt after .33 of the third with Taco taking it without giving anything back.

In the opening ten welter Sandy Torres caught a tartar in plodding Philadelphian Arthur Kettles. Sandy took the decision but Arthur made it too close for comfort.

▲**Isabela, P.R.**—Light heavyweight Nelson LaSalle, of Isabela, scored a ten round decision over evasive Tony Green.

Junior welter Santiago Rosa had it easy in taking an 8 round verdict over Dominican Rafael Jimenez.

Lightweight Juan J. Ocasio was fortunate in gaining a draw verdict over Dominican Tony Trys.

In six, Gilberto Mendez outpointed Frank Aponte and Enrique Solis scored over Rolando Martinez.

▲At Roberte Clemente Stadium, bantam Andres Hernandez looked like an early kayo winner over Mexican Jesus Chuy Rocha. Jesus was up and down more times than a department store elevator in the early rounds but managed to last the ten rounds.

Welter Ceja Rodriguez scored another kayo when he dumped helpless Roland Pryor, Baltimore, in the third round.

In the opening ten Sandy Torres outpointed the durable Argentinian Ruben (Manopla) Arocha.

Welter Jose Peterson pulverized Cubby Top Cat Jackson in the first round. This one was also scheduled for ten. Venezuelan Gustavo Briceno drew with local lightweight Angel Rivera. Angel was out of form and tired in the closing heats of this ten rounder.

McALOON OUTLASTS MURPHY, ● WHO FADES AFTER 3 HEATS ●

By SAM TAUB

New York's Irish welterweight championship was won by Danny McAloon, 150, Bronx, over Pat Murphy, Ridgefield Park, N.J., 151, via a 10 round decision in Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum.

Murphy started out fast, winning the first three rounds. Then he tired and McAloon shut him out the rest of the way. Scoring as follows, referee Tony Perez and judge Harold Lederman called it 7-2-1; judge John Dran had it 8-2.

Lightweights Dan Daniels, Newark, 131, and New York's Hector Diaz, 131, boxed a fast 6 round draw. Light-heavyweight Freddie Bright, New York, halted Syracuse's Willie Wilson at 1:27 of the 6th; Frank Rodriguez outpointed Titlo Flores in 4, junior welters, and Costa Rican middleweight king Ramon Beras defeated local Curtis Phillips in 4.

HUSTON OVER ROD DUPREE ON ● WEPNER UNDERCARD ●

By RONNIE "BURNS" BOUSE

Atlantic City, N.J. — On the Terrell-Wepner undercard, a heavyweight six rounder saw Jerry Huston, New Bedford, Mass. win an unpopular nod over Rodell Dupree, Jersey City. Undefeated John Dennis hailing from Mass., won a five round TKO over Paul Simonetti, Dunmore, Pa. Paul injured his left arm. Bill Freeman, Phila., won a six over Ed Bailey, also of Phila. A six saw Wild Bill Carson, of Jersey City, win over Harry Savage, Phila. in a heavy battle.

▲**Paterson, N.J.**—Johnnie Lane, former 118 pounder, suffered a severe hip injury and is hospitalized in Paterson. Lane was one of the area's most well known trainer of the late Lee Savold, Vince Martinez and Billy Kilroy.

▲**Long Branch, N.J.**—Adrian Bailey, president of the New Jersey Hall of Fame announced the fifth annual Hall of Fame dinner will be held Sunday, Sept. 23, at Diamond Jim's, Matawan. Frankie Blair, Freddie "Red" Cochrane, Alex Doyle, Joe Ferrando, Joe Kane, Patsy Perroni, Larry Reagan and Ernie Ratner will be inducted.

● DAKERS BY KO IN BELIZE ●

Belize City, British Honduras — There was quite a no-fight here recently. Dave Dakers, 161½, a local favorite, knocked out Lionel Cameron, 155, from Jamaica, in the second round. Obviously, a mismatch, with a 10 rounder scheduled.

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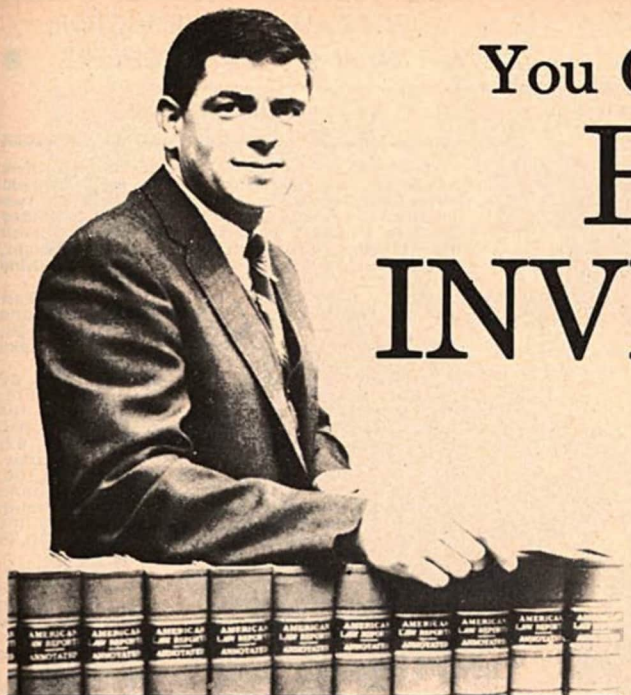

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DURAN-THOMPSON FIGHT IN ● PANAMA GROSSES $90,836 ●

By ALBERTO M. MONTILLA

Panama, R.P. — Roberto "Rocky" Duran retained his lightweight title on an eight-round technical knockout over Hector Thompson, of Australia, after knockdowns in the third and eighth rounds, at the Nuevo Panama Coliseum. Referee Nicasio Lorenzo Drake stopped it at 2:15, with Thompson under a pitiless attack.

Duran swarmed all over the Australian challenger with powerful combinations to the body and head in the first two rounds. In the third, after a brief exchange of lefts and rights in the challenger's corner, Duran discharged a sharp left hook to Thompson's jaw to floor him for an eight count.

The fight produced a gross of $90,836 which is considered a low for a world title bout here. It was reported that the promoter suffered losses.

National featherweight champion, Rigoberto Riasco, 127, went into the ring with the odds against him, and scored a surprising unanimous decision over Venezuelan 126-pound champion, Leonel Hernandez, 126½, in a 10-round prefeature match.

Hernandez, heavily supported by the majority of experts because of his clean-cut victory over WBA champion, Ernesto Marcel last March at Maracay, Venezuela, was completely outclassed by the Panamanian all the way.

In the opening minute Riasco's skill with a pair of stiff jabs and a right across to the jaw floored the Venezuelan for an eight count.

After a thrilling second-round in which both fighters swapped punches, the Panamanian piled up his points to victory in the fifth, ninth and tenth rounds, as he kept his opponent constantly off balance by jabbing, moving in and out with sharp left-and-right combinations, and dancing away from him. Hernandez, regarded as a strong puncher, kept trying for a knockout, but the cleverness displayed by Riasco had him missing most of his punches thrown.

In the last two rounds, the Venezuelan went on a chase of his rival after acknowledging that only a knockout could save him from a defeat. But, the endeavour was futile as he was masterly given a boxing lesson.

The scheduled 10-rounder between North American lightweight Adolfo Doc McCledon, 136, and local lightweight Jose Escudero, 137½, was halted in the midst of the fourth round by referee Roberto (Mango) Lopez, declaring it a "no decision" contest after the fighters were continually booed by the fans because of their unsatisfying performance.

Rodolfo Francis, 123, won on a TKO over Alberto Mena, 124¾, in 1:55 of the first of a scheduled four-rounder.

Marcos Britton, 119¼, decisioned Jorge Bernal, 117¼, in four.

Mauro Quiroz, 123, floored Jose Francisco Selles (Chico Duran), 122¾, in the first and second rounds before referee Vivian Stewart halted the match and awarded Quiroz a 2nd-round TKO.

Mario Mendoza, 124¾, decisioned Luis Alberto Sanchez, 125, in four.

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By DON HAMILL

Portland, Me. — During the past month there has been reduced fistic fare in New England with only five shows, three in Portland and two in Brockton. Larry Butler successfully defended his New England welterweight title and Dornell (Don) Wigfall, Brockton light heavyweight, showed loads of promise in three bouts during the month.

▲**Brockton**—Tony Petronelli, 139, East Bridgewater, earned a clearcut ten round decision over Johnny (Flash) Howard, 136, Richmond. Tony plied his left hook to take nearly every round.

Dornell Wigfall, 168, Brockton, aided by loser's cut eye, stopped Bruno Scholz, 174, Plymouth, in the fourth round of the semi-final. Chris Pina, 158, Norfolk, Mass., had his hands full with Renaldo Oliveira, 162, Wareham, who held him to a four round draw. Former amateur star Marvin Hagler, 160, Brockton, turned pro with a second round knockout over Terry Ryan, 162, Richmond. Nelson Alvarado, 136, Lawrence, spoiled the comeback of Johnny Knight, 140, Plymouth, in four.

▲**Portland**—Larry Butler, 144, Portland, retained his New England welterweight title against former titlist, Al Romano, 147, North Adams. The bout was fairly close for three rounds before a right to the chin floored Romano in the fourth. Butler dominated the action the rest of the way.

Dornell Wigfall, 167, Brockton, had Percy Halsey, 173, Elizabeth, N.J., on the canvas three times in the first round for an automatic kayo. Ricky Burgess, 151, Waterville, halted Dennis Reed, 150, New York, in the fifth of a sixer.

▲**Portland**—Larry Butler, 147½, Portland, atoned for his lone defeat by gaining a unanimous ten round decision over Bobby Hughes, 142½, New York. It was a closely fought contest for three rounds but Butler took command in the fourth and had the better of most of the exchanges during the rest of the scrap.

Ricky Burgess, 151, Waterville, halted Paul Osborne, 157, Lowell, when Referee Pete Bennett stopped the bout in the fourth round of the scheduled eight round semi-final. Paul Poirier, 147, New Bedford, earned a unanimous six round decision over Jose (Pagan) Rivera, 148, Lowell.

▲**Brockton**—Dornell Wigfall, 166, Brockton, had an easy time stopping Irish Hampton, 173, Englewood, N.J., in three rounds. Hampton took a bad beating in round two and failed to cause the localite any concern.

Jose (Pagan) Rivera, 146, Lowell, eked out an eight round split decision over Jose Carlos Garcia, 140, Norfolk. Rivera keeps himself in shape by fighting often. Renaldo Oliveira, 159, Wareham, handed Paul Pender's protege, Chris Pina, 155, Norfolk, his first defeat by taking a four round split decision. Jackie Smith, 154, Brockton, popular amateur star joined the punch for pay boys with a TKO over Dave Pasquarelli, 149, Norfolk, in three sessions. Nelson Alvarado, 137, Lawrence, iced Win Montgomery, 133, Englewood, in the first round.

CUDNEY PERFORMS FAST ● OPERATION ON HEYWARD ●

By HARRY GILL

Buffalo, N.Y. — Rocky Cudney (151) KOed Charley Heyward (161), New York, in the first round of the scheduled eight. Heyward went down for an eight count. Then he got caught with a right that finished him off at the two minute mark. Cudney, undefeated in eight fights, has scored six knockouts.

Alan Kemp (159) KOed Ted Hamilton (167) in the fourth of the semi-final. After being knocked down in the second round, Kemp got up and took the fight to Hamilton from then on. Kemp finally caught Hamilton with a right uppercut that finished Hamilton.

Willie Glassen (165) New York, KOed Don Rucker (165) in the last round of their six round scrap. Glassen dropped Rucker three times with shots to the body.

Bob Conway (195) won a split decision over Johnny Jackson (195) in a six rounder. Each was staggered at times. Jackson was down in the second.

Jullie Mandell (137) and Rocky Bonilla (139) fought to a four round draw.

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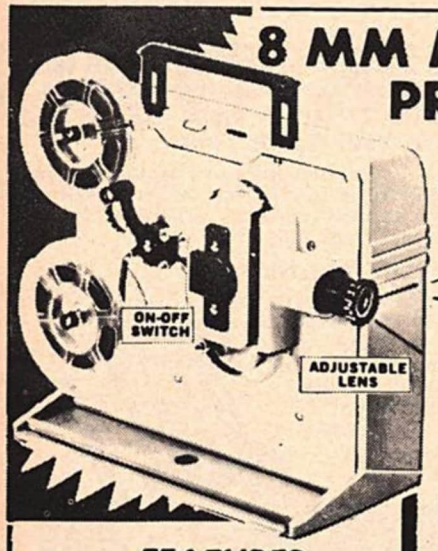

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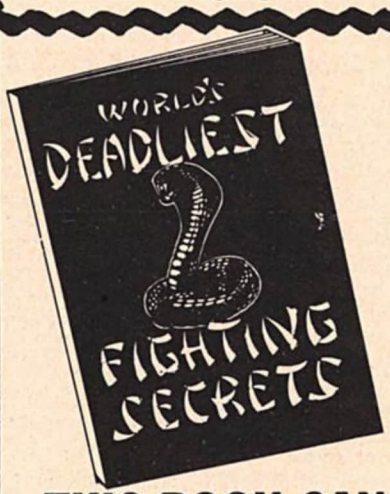

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AUSSIE WELTER WRANGLE STILL ● STANDS AT STALEMATE ●

By RAY MITCHELL

Sydney, Australia — Australian welterweight champion Rocky Mattioli (146¾) had an easy 15-round points win over Pongi Lie (147) at Carlton.

The contest was for the vacant Australasian welterweight title. Australasian titles are contested between Australians and New Zealanders. Lie, a Tongan, is domiciled in New Zealand.

Lie didn't win a round, although he drew a few on referee Jack Weibanger's card.

▲Stadiums Ltd., which won't recognize Mattioli as champion (Rocky doesn't fight on Stadiums' promotions), had Alan Aldenhoven (141¾) defend his Stadiums version of the Australian title against Wayne Bannister (146) at Melbourne. Bannister won by KO in round ten.

▲Some three weeks later Aldenhoven turned up at Marrickville R.S.L. Club to do battle with Sam Ryder over ten. Aldenhoven scaled down to 140 for the fight, Ryder at 139. Aldenhoven received referee Alf Weymark's points decision.

In the supporting eight Rod Christsen (168¾) halted Mark Junior (168¾) in the fifth. Rod had just returned to Sydney following a contest he had in Perth, capitol of Western Australia, some 3,000 miles from Sydney. In Perth, Rod lost a disputed decision to local Kelvin Wormald.

▲At Melbourne Festival Hall, Fred Etuati (161) had the fight well in hand against Fijian Jone Mataitini (161) when he did an inexplicable thing in the sixth round. He hit Mataitini while the Fijian was on the floor. What is more, it appeared to be deliberate!

This was in direct contrast to Etuati's character and clean style of boxing. Referee Terry Reilly disqualified Etuati.

In the semi Darryl Carrick (140¾), making a comeback after 26 months, decisioned Filipino Sid Galias (136¾) over eight.

▲Two weeks later, at Melbourne, came episode six of the continuing story of Etuati-Mahanga. In their five prior meetings Kahu Mahanga gained three points wins, one draw, the other—in New Zealand—going to Etuati on points.

Of the four prior meetings at Melbourne Etuati appeared unlucky. This time Fred won the decision. He deserved it, but his margin was not as big as it was two months earlier when Mahanga was crowned.

▲In another strange decision, Greg McNamara (168) gained a points win in ten rounds over Australian light heavyweight champion Steve Cansdell (175¼) at Blacktown. Cansdell appeared to win six rounds, some of them very clearly. The way now has been set for a title tilt between the two.

▲In a rousing clever battle, Milton Cooper (129) halted Merv Wockner (127) in the 9th round because of a cut eye. Cooper was ahead on points. Venue, Melbourne Festival Hall.

▲It was a bruising battle at Kingsford between Colin Howarth (184) and Bernie "Bronco" Hourigan (175). Howarth got off the deck to win a narrow points decision on all cards.

▲One week later at the same arena Wayne Cullen (149) had too much on the ball for Frank Allen (148), and as Allen regained his feet on eight in round seven, I stopped the fight. Allen wasn't focusing.

▲At the same club, Dennis Goulder (137) and Al Mander (138) turned on a two-man war that went to Goulder by a narrow margin in a split decision.

▲One week later, same venue, two little gamecocks, Wayne Hall, (122), and Wayne Toole, (121), gave action aplenty. Hall was ahead coming into the seventh round. He drove Toole to the ropes and landed a short right to the jaw. Toole grabbed, Hall shook himself loose, and Toole felt flat on his face. He was on his feet at eight but he didn't know whether he was in Kingsford or Khartoum, so as referee, I called a halt immediately.

▲Fast-moving southpaw Andy Broome (131½) rode out some awkward passages but edged out Sonny Bell (128½) in their ten at Blacktown. In another ten Ted Gray (152) outpointed Phillip Barrett (156) in an interesting bout.

▲The following week Matt Ropis (135) and Paul Bink (134) engaged in a bruising ten with Ropis landing the more and gaining a points verdict.

Fred Mensah (130) of Ghana, had a comfortable ten-round points win over local Jim Metcalfe (130).

▲There was another double bill at the same club one week later. Paul Moore (147), leading contender for Rocky Mattioli's Australian welter title dispatched Steve Brown (148) in the fifth round.

The other ten was a gruelling affair between Matt Ropis (136) and Bobby Cotterill (137). Cotterill held a good lead coming into the final round but Ropis unleashed everything and won by knockout. The battle must have taken much out of both boys.

▲Following week, at same club, Australian flyweight champion "Big" Jim West (115) knocked out Steve Johnson (115) in the fifth round. In the other ten Steve Gossen (118) outpointed Steve Walker (115).

▲At Cammeray, Greg McNamara (169) won episode four of his series with Tongan-born Sam Ngata (169¾). Good fight but McNamara seems to have the edge over the Tongan.

▲At the same club three weeks later Brian Roberts (111¾) outpointed Tommy Strezos (112) in a good ten. Roberts is a comer but unfortunately has few opponents his weight in Australia.

▲At Cronulla, Steve Gossen (124) had too much for Steve Walker (120) and ran out a clear winner in a good eight. In the other eight Wally Carr (140) and Les Knox (143) excited the crowd, with Carr winning the points from referee Billy Males.

▲At Guildford, in Western Australia, Winstone Stokes (123) outpointed Adrian Ugle (126).

ALL VOTES FOR GOSS AS ●HE OUTPUNCHES FERNANDEZ●

By JOHN ORT

A.B.C. T.V.'s first show from Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum gave their viewers a fast action bout. Sammy Goss, Trenton, N.J., 128, won a unanimous 12 round decision over Jose Fernandez, 128½, New York via Dominican Republic, in a contest billed for the American junior lightweight championship.

This was their second meeting, with Goss winning a 10 round decision the first time.

Sammy outboxed and punched his forward moving foe, who could not get on track. All three officials voted for Goss.

Middleweight Jim Gibney, New York, kayoed Panama's James Redford at 2:38 of the first round.

Kevin Doran, Boston, outpointed Roman DeJesus, New York, in a six round junior welterweight bout.

Lightweight Dan Daniels, New York, beat Hugo Velasquez, 4; Victor Checo defeated Cruz Ortiz, 4, both welterweights from New York.

▲Middleweight Vito Antuofermo, Bari, Italy, lost his first bout when referee Herbie Kronowitz decided that his cut left eye was too dangerous. He awarded the contest to Harold Weston with 8 seconds left in round five.

This was Weston's first bout in 14 months and number one as a middleweight. Vito's eye needed 10 stitches to close.

Undefeated middleweight Eddie Gregory beat Dominican Jose Anglada in 8; middleweight John Capobianco halted Percy Halsey in one; Clay Butts, Red Bank, N.J. stopped Pat Barry, N.Y.C., 4. Paterson, N.J. Joe Grier beat Cruz Ramos, N.Y.C., 4. Junior welters.

▲South American light heavyweight Jorge Ahumada made his American debut with an 8 round TKO over Syracuse's Hal "TNT" Carroll. Jorge's record in Argentina was 31-5, all the defeats coming at the hands of South American light heavyweight king Victor Galindez. Carroll's last outing was a 10 round draw with Mike Quarry at the Felt Forum, where TNT met Jorge.

Carroll was behind on all cards when referee Johnny Colan called a halt at 1:57 of the 8th.

Junior welterweight Oscar Pito, Argentina, beat Tommy Roane, 6; Angel Ortiz, Puerto Rico, defeated previously unbeaten Juan Cantres, New York, 6, welterweights; Salvatore Ramirez won from Dario Albarron, 6, both lightweights.

Lightweights Ray Sanchez, Puerto Rico, and Justico Ortiz, New York, drew in four.

A crowd of 2,042 showed up.

▲Jose Rodriguez, New York, 151, defeated Ray Chavez, Venezuela, 147, via unanimous 10 round decision at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum. Rodriguez, making his first start since being halted by Rodrigo Valdez, won the first six rounds.

Chavez came on strong to sweep the last four rounds but it was too little too late. The Venezuelan who has been boxing in Canada of late, holds a win over Donato Paduano.

Costa Rican bantamweight champion Jorge Madrigal made his American debut with an eight round nod over local Jesus Nieves, 127.

Freddie Bright, 173, New York, outpointed Willie Taylor, New York, 173, over six.

Stanley Yanache boxed a four round draw with Cletes Haynes, Newark, N.J. They are lightweights.

A crowd of 1,637 paid $7,679.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

DANNY LOPEZ GIVES ORDONEZ QUIETUS IN 4th, TAKING NO. 19

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES – Danny (Little Red) Lopez, 122, Los Angeles, showed plenty of improvement in the defense department as he marched to his 19th consecutive knockout win against no setback.

Lopez's victim was Juan Ordonez, 121, Mexico City.

Ordonez collapsed in the fourth round after taking a vicious pounding. Referee Rudy Jordan counted him out midway in the fourth round.

Though the show was on local TV, 3,800 fans paid $10,100.

Another unbeaten youngster, Luis Hernandez, 133, Mexico City, made it 15-0 with a unanimous 10 round decision over Domi Custado, 132, Honolulu.

Guillermo Gonzalez, 124, East Los Angeles, decision over Raul Centeno, 125½, Los Angeles, (4); Isidro Salinas, 129, So. Los Angeles, decision over Carlos Perez, 126½, Mexico, (4).

▲**Los Angeles**—Flipper Uehara, 127½, Tokyo, was well ahead on all three official scorecards when he suffered a head butt from Leoncio Meza, 128, Mexicali, in the ninth round of their scheduled ten at the Olympic.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz examined the eye wound and ruled Flipper unfit for more combat. Referee Rudy Jordan said it was a butt and under California rules, awarded the decision to the Japanese boy because he was leading on all cards.

Meza lost points for low blows in the eighth round, despite the protest of his manager, Harry Kabakoff.

In a special amateur bout, National AAU champion Randy Shields, 135, North Hollywood, decisioned Victor Abraham, 137, (3).

Alberto Davila, 115½, Los Angeles, decision over Albert Cabaneg, 119, Stockton, (6); Alfonso Gonzalez, 114½, Los Angeles, decision over Val Ramos, 117, East Los Angeles, (6); Bobby Holderfield, 122, Los Angeles, decisioned Manny Leon, 121½, Mexico, (4).

▲**Los Angeles**—Establishing himself as a heavyweight of promise, Pedro Lovell, 203, of the fighting Argentine family, gave Cliff McDonald, 205, Boston, an awesome beating in less than one round at the Olympic Auditorium.

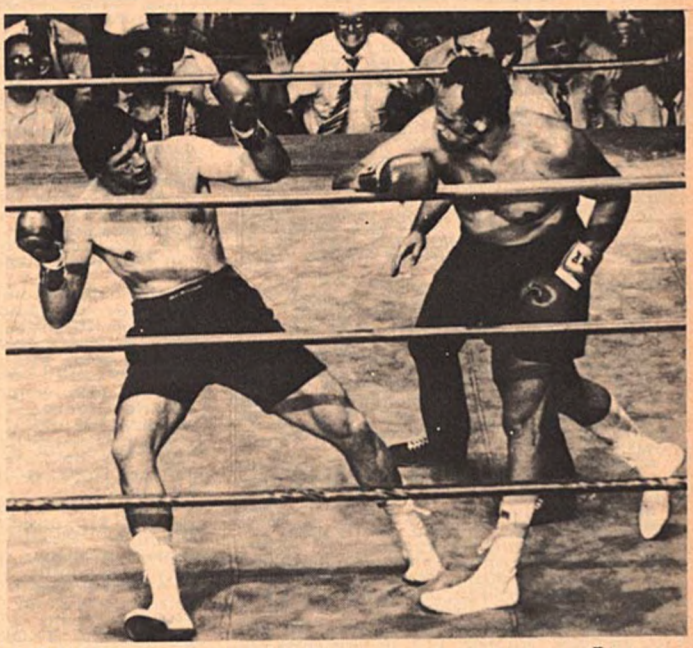
McDonald, who entered the ring with 21 knockouts in 24 fights, never had a chance. From the bell on, Lovell unloaded rights and lefts and soon had the New England Irishman cut around the nose and over his left eye.

With less than 11 seconds left in the first round, Pedro doubled up McDonald with a left hook to the stomach, then felled him with a powerful right to the chin.

Cliff made a game try to regain his feet, but both legs just collapsed. The time was 2:59.

It was Lovell's 12th straight win against no loss. His manager will have to step up his athlete a class or two as Pedro appears ready to join the top ten heavyweights.

Felton Marshall, 157, Los Angeles, decisioned Raul Fernandez, 157, Mexico, (6); Charles (Budda) Brooks, 186½, Los Angeles, decision over Samoan Kid, 183, Tonga, (6).



Cliff McDonald is going down and out from Pedro Lovell's smashing right in the first round of their scheduled 10-rounder at Los Angeles. It was Lovell's 12th straight victory.

▲**San Diego**—Irish Art Hafey, 125, the little buzzsaw from Nova Scotia, ripped Ricardo Gonzalez, 126, Los Angeles, apart in four rounds in their scheduled 10 at the San Diego Coliseum.

It was Hafey's 15th straight win, without a loss.

In a co-feature 10-rounder, David Love, 161, San Diego, outpointed Marco Gerrado, 159, San Diego. The gate was $5,120, another winner for promoter Mickey Davies.

▲**Stockton**—Mexico's welterweight champion Felip Vaca, 144, had few problems handling Rudy Barro, 144, Manila, in their 10-rounder at Civic Auditorium. Vaca is from Guadalajara, but has been fighting out of Fresno.

Edgar Cabalhin, 119½, Stockton, KO over Pollo Lara, 120, Mexico City, (2); Rudy Cruz, 155½, Stockton, outpointed Jeff Lucas, 153, San Diego, (6). The gate was a good $7,968.

▲**Santa Rosa**—Alvaro Lopez, 174, Santa Rosa, came through with a mild surprise, outpointing Ronnie Wilson, 171, San Diego in 10 rounds.

Lopez was just too fast for Wilson in the non-knockdown affair.

Celso Tupas, 120, Mexico, decision over Ruben Mozqueda, 120½, Oakland, (6); Joe Gonsalves, 154, Hayward, decision over David Arellano, 150, Los Angeles, (6); Jim Jackson, 176, Oakland, decisioned Ron Ligon, 173, San Francisco, (6).

▲**Sacramento**—In an attempt to build up boxing in the Capital City, promoter Babe Griffith has been trying to establish some new main event faces.

(Continued on page 63)

ANAYA AND BORKORSOR WIN ●DOWN MEXICO WAY BY KO●

By EDUARDO AMER G.

Tijuana, Baja, California — Romero Anaya, 122, world bantamweight champion, made a poor fight but he stopped Kyu Chul Chang, 122, of Korea, in the eighth round.

Venice Borkorsor, 119, world flyweight king, of Thailand, TKO'ed Julio Guerrero, 118, who is finished as a boxer, in six. Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 115, won from Manuel "Cochul" Montiel, 113, in ten. Valente Vera, 125, KO'ed Julio Leal, 124, and became new featherweight champion of Baja, California.

▲**Merida, Yucatan**—20 year old Vicente Pool, 114, won as he pleased from Fermin "Gallego" Gomez, 112, former Mexican flyweight king, in ten rounds. Mario "Zurdo" Mendez, 126, decisioned Chucho Hernandez, 125, in 10. Joe Baquedano, 139, TKO'ed Jose Macias, 138, in six. Gonzalo "Zurdo" Gonzalez, 111, TKO'ed Romulo Cortes, 111, in 4. Rene "Borreguito" Torres, 107, and Ranulfo Cano, 109, drew in 4.

▲**Chetumal, Quintana Roo**—Miguel Canto, 111, Mexican flyweight king, halted Alfredo "Chamaco" Rodriguez, 112, in five. Gustavo "Guty" Espadas, 111, TKO'ed Kid Valente, 112, in 7. William Valencia, 125, TKO'ed "Negro" Vazquez, 128, in seven.

▲**Ensenada**—Raul Delgado, 159, retained Mexican middleweight title by unanimous decision over Mario Marquez, 159, in 12. Antonio Garcia, 124, defeated Alfonso Torres, 124, in ten.

▲**Mexico**—Jose Murillo Medel, 117, won an unpopular decision over Victor Ramirez, 117, in ten. Alvaro Parra, 134, TKO'ed Juan Malagon, 134, in the first round.

▲**Merida, Yucatan**—Rufino Gallegos, 116, embalmed William Garcia, 117, in four. Gaspar "Guero" Gongora, 115, TKO'ed Baby Gil, 115, in 4. Francisco "Mugre" Montalvo, 126, and Manuel "Melin" Castillo, 126, drew in six. Porfirio Ordonez, 110, and Ramiro Tec, 110, drew in four.

▲**Cozumel, Quintana Roo**—Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz, 127, TKO'ed Mike Thompson, 130, in six.

▲**Mexico**—Mario Chavez, 112, TKO'ed Ramiro Garcia, 112, in three. Boni Valdez, 124, TKO'ed Cosme Corcuera, 125, in 3.

▲**Guadalajara**—Santos "Cora" Rodriguez, 112, stopped Emiliano Mayoral, 112, in 3. Francisco Marquez, 112, polished off Luis Rey, 112, in two.

▲**Culiacan, Sinaloa**—Babe San Martin, 116, TKO'ed Cesar Ordonez, 117, in nine. Jose Luis Baltazar, 145, TKO'ed Margarito Martinez, 146, in 3.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon**—Lupe Carrera, 134, TKO'ed Abraham Saucedo, 134, in 3.

▲**Acapulco**—Francisco "Borrego" Torres, 112, and Renato Ocampo, 112, drew in ten. Guillermo Becerra, 125, TKO'ed Tomas Herrera, 124, in 3.

▲**Mexico**—Memo Rodriguez, 120, TKO'ed Carlos Mendoza, 120, of Panama, in 6. Leoncio Ortiz, 135, TKO'ed Lupe Ramirez, 135, in 8. Antonio Kiris, 117, TKO'ed Manuel "Rata" Martinez, 118, in tenth and last round.

▲**Merida**—Luis "Black" Garcia, 117, nailed Joe del Angel, 117, in two. Freddie Castillo, 110, lost to Chucho Loria, 111, in 8. Virgilio Estrella, 108, whipped Baby Salazar, 111, in 6. Adolfo Sangueado, 129, stopped Memin Cetz, 129, in two.

▲**Guadalajara**—Abundio Cortes, 113, decisioned Juan Jose Guzman, 113, in ten. Francisco Marquez, 112, and Juan Zarate, 112, drew in ten.

▲**Acapulco**—Lorenzo Alarcon, 142, beat Angel Javier Medel, 139, in ten. Ricardo Escalante, 134, defeated Ramon Martinez, 134, in ten.

▲**Mexico**—Salvador Torres, 126, won a booed decision over Raul Martinez Mora, 126, in ten. Jose Torres, 125, lost to Tomas Frias, 126, in ten. Rosalio Muro, 125, KO'ed Goyo Vargas, 124, in two.

▲**Lazaro Cardenas, Michoacan**—Jose Figueroa, 153, TKO'ed Jesus "El Marro" Vargas, 146, in five. Bibiano Gonzalez, 117, whipped "Curro" Mendoza, 117, in 8.

▲**La Paz, Baja, California**—Antonio "Zurdo" Fuentes, 115, won by a technical decision over Enrique Meza, 116, in seven. Jose Luis Estrada, 112, was stopped by Juan Alvarez, 112, in 2. Fili Castro, 118, halted Jose Jaramillo, 118, in 2.

▲**Mexico**—Antonio Leon, 117, TKO'ed Antonio "Caguamo" Castaneda, 117, in 8. Salvador Ruvalcaba, 144, TKO'ed Adan Diaz, 145, in four. Carlos Mimila, 115, TKO'ed Rafael Limon, 116, in two.

▲**Buctzotz, Yucatan**—Evelio "Zurdo" Munoz, 112, whipped Jose Pool, 113, in 6. Porfirio Ordonez, 113, decisioned "Chamaco" Munoz, 113, in 4.

▲**Guadalajara**—Jesus "Papelero" Estrada, 125, TKO'ed Jose Salas, 125, in 6. Pedro Jimenez, 120, KO'ed Jose Angel Hernandez, 121, in 3.

▲**Los Mochis, Sinaloa**—Manuel "Cochul" Montiel, 113, upset the gang when he destroyed Olympian Ricardo Delgado, 112, in three rounds. Francisco Isunza, 129, bested Mario Servin, 130, in ten.

▲**Mexico**—Chano Rodriguez, 112, beat Leo Palacios, 112, in ten. Lupe Trujillo, 111, TKO'ed Memo Aguilar, 111, in 3. Isaias Beltran, 124, TKO'ed Pancho Aguilar, 123, in 3. Antonio Lopez, 114, TKO'ed Eduardo Martinez, 113, in six.

▲**Tepic, Nayarit**—Juan "Cachorro" Medina, 135, National lightweight champion, and German Coello, 134, of Dominican Republic, drew in ten.

▲**Culiacan, Sinaloa**—Jose Luis Soto, 117, decisioned Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 117, in 10. Alejandro "Cordobes" Lopez, 119, iced Silvino Aguilar, 121, in one. Roberto Alvarez, 113, bombed Lupe Aguilar, 113, in the opening round.

▲**Guadalajara**—Carlos Vazquez, 125, TKO'ed Victor Mendez, 124, in four. Octavio Amparan, 134, kayoed Pablo Arrollo, 134, in four.

▲**Monterrey**—Gorgonio Zuniga, 114, knocked out "Cuyo" Tovar, 116, in 8.

▲**Matamoros**—Jose Luis "Frijol" Madrid, 134, embalmed Juan Garza, 134, in 3.

▲**Mexico**—Chucho Flores, 134, gained on points over Alex Moyado, 134, in ten. Julio Rodriguez, 116, bested Raul Tirado, 115, in 8 rounds.

VALENZUELA, NABALATAN ON ● WINNERS' LIST IN HAWAII ●

By TED YAMACHIKA

Honolulu, Hawaii — Jorge Valenzuela, 125, Mexico, knocked out Ad Zapanta, 124½, Philippines, in the 8th of a scheduled ten round fight.

Koroseta Kid, 192¼, Samoa, scored his third straight KO win here by stopping Steve Grant, 190½, of Oakland, in the 1st round.

Dommy Cruz, 125½, Philippines, beat Manuel Vasquez, 124, Mexico, in another tenner.

Modesto Dayaganon, 126, Philippines, defeated Jesus Robles, 125¼, Mexico, in 6.

Brook Byrd, 135, New Mexico, outpointed Leonard Vasquez, 136½, Mexico, in 6.

▲Bert Nabalatan, 125½, Philippines, kept right on winning by scoring an impressive TKO win over Chuey Rodriguez, 125¾, Mexico, in the 6th round of a scheduled ten round fight.

Shinichi Kadota, 138, Japan, finished Bernado Magno, 136¾, Philippines, in the 9th round.

In the third ten Say Watanuki, 125, Japan, won a close one over Frankie Cabanig, 125¾, Philippines.

Rico Toledo, 131, Philippines, TKO'ed Manuel Ramos, 131, Mexico, in the 7th of 8.

Emilio Placencia, 128¼, Philippines, was held to a draw by Masaharu Tsuchiya, 129, Japan, in 4.

Ray "Windmill" White, 179¼, of California, had too much ring savvy for the Koroseta Kid, 193, Samoa, and beat him easily. White won nine rounds.

This fight was held at the Civic Auditorium, the old structure which was the scene of most of the fights in the old days, and drew 3,500 fans.

Carlos Rebanco, 109¾, Philippines, knocked out Alfredo Gonzalez, 112¾, Mexico, in the 8th round.

Modesto Dayaganon, 125, Philippines, decisioned Johnny Watson, 122¼, California, in 8.

Comebacker Domi Manalang, 125, Philippines, made short work of Alfanso Taylor, 125, California, with a KO in 2.

Polo Ramirez, 175¼, Honolulu, fought Etuale Sua, 202, Honolulu, to a four round draw.

▲More than a thousand fight followers and friends gathered to honor Robert Lee, WBA president and the man in charge of the Hawaii state boxing commission and his wife, at a testimonial party recently. Lee was commended for his dedication and his outstanding work in the field of boxing. Lee, who is a former fighter, has devoted his life to boxing.

RIGGS EXITS IN SECOND AGAINST KELLY IN OKLAHOMA

By DOYLE MAY

Oklahoma City, Okla. — Brian Kelly, light heavyweight, continued his comeback when he stopped Johnny Riggs of Jackson, Miss., in the second round after scoring five knockdowns.

The Oklahoman has won his most recent two starts to boost his record to 47-8.

Heavyweight Jimmy Cross of Memphis, Tenn., outpointed Bob Crutison, of White Plains, N. Y., in six, and Oklahoma middleweight Larry Brasier, of Muskogee, knocked out Muhammad Elijah Smith, Natchez, Miss., in the first round.

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JACKSON, U.S. CONQUEROR OF McALINDEN, FAILS IN FIFTH

By RON OLVER

LONDON, ENGLAND – One of the richest gems of the fight game is consistency. Nowadays it is seldom present. Take the case of American Morris Jackson. He was knocked out in five rounds by Bunny Johnson, 185, from Birmingham, on the undercard of the Frazier-Bugner fight at Earl's Court.

Not so long ago Jackson created quite a stir by stopping British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion Danny McAlinden.

Johnson, Jamaica-born, was greatly outweighed by Jackson, 218. But Jackson discovered that Johnson was not McAlinden.

Bunny is due to meet Richard Dunn in a final eliminator for McAlinden's titles. So this victory must have given Bunny a lot of satisfaction.

Jackson had tremendous advantages in height, reach and weight, but once Bunny had feinted his way inside those long arms, and got home with left jabs and hooks, he paved the way for a right to the jaw that floored his man for nine. As he rose the referee intervened.

Over eight rounds, Maxie Smith, Stockton, outpointed British middleweight champion Bunny Sterling, St. Pancras, by 39¾-39. Both men were inside the stipulated poundage of 177.

Not a good fight to watch, as their styles clashed, producing little clean-cut action, but the result was a controversial one, with Sterling looking the more accurate of the two.

Sterling was much slower at the added poundage, but showed a better variety of punches than Smith, whose left jab was about all he had to offer.

Smith was cut by the right eye, the crowd slow-handclapped, but in fairness to Smith he did come in as a substitute for Graham Sines.

George McGurk, Jarrow, 132¼, another substitute, also caused an upset by beating Vernon Sollas, Edinburgh, 125¾, the referee intervening in the sixth, it being announced that Sollas was "unable to defend himself."

As so often happens when a substitute is introduced, the other man is forced to concede weight, and giving away nearly seven pounds was quite a handicap to Sollas, whose record showed only five previous bouts. He had won all of them inside schedule, so he also lost his unbeaten record.

The more experienced McGurk took full advantage of his weight, especially in close, but Sollas boxed in his usual neat manner, revealed good footwork and was ahead on my card when he walked into a left to the jaw after a close quarter exchange, which came right out of the blue.

The Edinburgh boxer was sent shooting backwards across the ring to land flat on his back and it didn't seem possible that he could beat the count. But beat it he did, and jigged around, ready to continue.

However, referee Arthur Howard waved his arms to indicate that he was stopping it, and as he is the man nearest the action, one must always go along with the official in these cases.

I still think Sollas is a future champion, but he must stick to his own division. His manager, Bobby Neill, said afterwards "Naturally we were both disappointed, but we have no argument about the decision. Vernon will be a better fighter for it."

Dave Roden, Birmingham, 190, easily outpointed overmatched American Charlie Polite, 226¾, over six by 30-28½, indicating that Roden won every round.

Polite did little except move backwards, trying to evade Roden's left jabs. The only occasions he stood still and fought were when he had no choice. Roden kept working and was good value for his victory.

Former amateur international Joey Wreden, West Ham, 175, overcame the ordeal of making his pro debut in the opening bout of such a big

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Here is Danny McAlinden down in his bout with Morris Jackson, who was declared the victor when the bout was stopped in the third round. Jackson, however, was kayoed in five in his next outing by Bunny Johnson.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

(As of August 15, 1973)

HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Danny McAlinden (I)

1. Joe Bugner (E)
2. George Chuvalo (C)
3. Bunny Johnson (J)
4. Richard Dunn (E)
5. Billy Aird (E)
6. Les Stevens (E)
7. Rocky Campbell (An)
8. Mani Vaka (T)
9. Wendel Newton (B)
10. Bill Drover (C)

CRUISERWEIGHT
Champion
John Conteh (E)

1. Chris Finnegan (E)
2. Roy John (W)
3. Pat McCann (E)
4. Johnny Frankham (E)
5. Baby Boy Rolle (B)
6. Ronnie Wilson (C)
7. Lloyd Walford (J)
8. Gary Summerhays (C)
9. Steve Cansdell (A)
10. Maxie Smith (E)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Tony Mundine (A)

1. Bunny Sterling (J)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Battling Laavassa (Samoa)
4. Alan Minter (E)
5. Don McMillan (S)
6. Roy Lee (J)
7. Mick Cain (E)
8. Alipate Korovou (T)
9. Kahu Mahanga (NZ)
10. Fred Etuati (Samoa)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Charkey Ramon (A)

1. Nojim Maiyegun (N)
2. Pongi Lee (T)
3. Donato Paduano (C)
4. Carlos Marks (T)
5. Si Nomura (Samoa)
6. Matt Donovan (T)
7. Larry Paul (J)
8. Pat Dwyer (E)
9. Tom Imrie (S)
10. Frank Young (I)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)

1. Eddie Blay (G)
2. Marshall Butler (C)
3. John H. Stracey (E)
4. Fernand Marcotte (C)
5. Bunny Grant (J)
6. Bobby Arthur (E)
7. Peter Cobblah (G)
8. Elisha Obed (B)
9. Wayne Bannister (A)
10. Paul Moore (A)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Hector Thompson (A)

1. Joe Tetteh (G)
2. Pat McCormack (I)
3. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
4. Joey Santos (NZ)
5. Eric Briggs (NZ)
6. Johnny Summerhays (C)
7. Johnny Phillips (A)
8. Leo Young (A)
9. Alan Presnell (A)
10. Mark Duffy (A)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
Percy Hayles (J)

1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Manny Santos (NZ)
3. Al Ford (C)
4. Jim Watt (S)
5. Jonathan Dele (N)
6. Jeff White (A)
7. Colin Cassidy (A)
8. Andy Broome (A)
9. Johnny Cheshire (S)
10. Angus McMillan (S)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
Bobby Dunne (A)

1. Love Allotey (G)
2. Toro George (NZ)
3. Tommy Glencross (S)
4. Evan Armstrong (S)
5. Jimmy Bell (S)
6. Bingo Crooks (J)
7. Billy Waith (W)
8. Howard Hayes (E)
9. Lucky Gattellari (A)
10. Art Hafey (C)

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)

1. Johnny Clark (E)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Dave Needham (E)
4. Sulley Shittu (G)
5. John Mitchell (S)
6. Colin Miles (W)
7. Fred Burns (A)
8. John Kellie (S)
9. Brian Clout (A)
10. Wayne Wallace (A)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
Henry Nissen (A)

1. John McCluskey (S)
2. Big Jim West (A)
3. David Natta (Z)
4. Bob Eggleton (A)
5. Brian Roberts (A)

Legend: An Antigua; A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; In India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; Nz New Zealand; S Scotland; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia.

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LOYOLA OVER AGUILAY IN ● 10 HEATS AT BUENOS AIRES ●

By SIMON BRONENBERG and ALFREDO PORZIO

▲Buenos Aires, Argentina — In the light heavy class Raul Loyola beat Juan Aguilay in 10 rounds.

▲**Parana**—Middleweight Angel Osuna kayoed Jose Oviedo in 7th.

▲**Salta**—In the middle class Hugo Trujillo kayoed Americo Arrieta in first round.

▲**Concepcion del Uruguay**—Middleweight Osvaldo Escauriza beat Hector Gomez in 10 rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires**—Lightweight Jorge Gomez outpointed Juan Domingo Corradi in 10.

▲**Bahia Blanca**—Argentine junior welter champion Carlos Maria Gimenez kayoed Luis A. Reyes, Uruguay, in first round.

▲**Rio Cuarto**—In the junior welter class Mario "Hammer" Miranda, undefeated, kayoed Raul Sosa in 9th round.

▲**Junin**—Welter Mario Guilloti kayoed Francisco Fernandez in second round.

▲**Tucuman**—Welter Horacio Saldano kayoed Orlando Miranda in seventh round.

▲**Salta**—Bantam Carlos Cordoba whipped Felix "Lito" Gonzalez in 10 rounds.

▲**Rio Tercero**—In the lightweight division Luis Dominguez beat Americo Mannino in 8 rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires**—In the Luna Park ring Argentine junior middle champion Miguel Angel Castellini outpointed Carlos Marks, from Trinidad. Receipts, 26 millons pesos.

▲**Comodoro Rivadavia**—In the junior middle class Rodolfo Rosales kayoed Ramon Pereyra in fourth round.

▲**Pehuajo**—Gregorio Villavicencio and Carlos Martinez drew in 10. (Junior lightweights)

▲**Parana**—Middleweight Argentine champion Antonio Aguilar outpointed easily Miguel A. Duro in 10 rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires**—In the junior welter class Alfredo Miguel Coria won over Nicolas Arkuszyn in 10.

▲**Villaguay**—In the feather class Hugo Bidyeran kayoed Santiago Jossef in fourth round.

▲**Salta**—In the light heavy class Simeon Gallardo kayoed Jorge Rivera in 4th.

▲**Cordoba**—Argentine lightweight champion Hugo Gutierrez kayoed Miguel A. Piriz, Uruguay, in first round.

▲**Caleta Olivia**—In the lightweight division Hugo Martinez kayoed Francisco Manrique in 5th round.

▲**Buenos Aires**—Argentine bantam champion Jose Casas beat Jorge Altamirano, from Mexico, in 10 rounds.

▲**Tunuyan**—In the lightweight division, Pedro Aguero beat Julio Lopez in 10.

▲**Mendoza**—In the feather class, Mario Ortiz kayoed Ramon Castro in first round.

▲**Buenos Aires**—Argentine junior welter champion Carlos M. Gimenez kayoed Jorge "Canguro" Pena, from Mexico, in first round.

▲**Tandil**—In the light heavy class Pedro Rimovsky, in second return match, kayoed Adolfo Cardozo in six rounds.

▲**Venado Tuerto**—In the light heavy class Raul Loyola outpointed Ruben Gonzalez in 10 rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires**—Argentine feather champion Oscar "Cachin" Mendez outpointed Ramon Duarte in 10. (Non-title)

▲**Concepcion**—In the junior middle class Catalino Sosa beat Eliseo Nievas in 10.

▲**La Plata**—Alberto Cruz Vega beat Jorge Imaz in 10. (Welters)

▲**Rio Cuarto**—In the junior welter class Mario "Hamner" Miranda, undefeated, kayoed Hector Pace in first round.

▲**Salta**—Middleweight Hugo Trujillo kayoed Hugo Salcito in 4th round.

▲**Villaguay**—Feather Hector Uviedo beat Jorge Fernandez on points for a medical decision.

▲**Merlo**—In the junior welter class Juan Aranda kayoed Eduardo Rojas in second round.

▲**Rosario**—In the junior middle division Hector Galvan outpointed Pedro Veron in 10 rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires**—Bantam Benicio Sosa beat Joefe Altamirano, from Mexico, 10 rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires**—Argentine feather champion Ramon Gonzalez beat Alberto Luque in 10. (Non-title)

▲**Mendoza**—In the middle division, Rodolfo Rosales, outpointed Daniel Quiroda in 10 rounds.

▲**Curuzu-Cuatia**—Welter Pedro Bern whipped Octavio Escauriza in 9th. (Medical decision)

▲**Salta**—Bantam Carlos Cordoba beat Marcial Franco in 10. Middleweight Roberto Marcioli beat Lucas Paz in 8th. In the welter division Victor Cuello kayoed Carlos Lucena in second round.

▲**Rio Gallegos**—Andres Paul beat Juan D. Alvarez in 10. (Welters)

▲**Buenos Aires**—Light heavy Juan Aguilar outpointed Raul Loyola in 10.

▲**Rio Tercero**—In the junior welter class, Americo Munoz outpointed Angel Moyano in 10 rounds.

▲**Villa Mercedes**—Junior middle Ernesto Pizarro beat Ramon Feldman by disqualification in first round.

▲**Rio Cuarto**—Mario Miranda, undefeated in the junior welter class, whipped Ariel Navarrete in 10.

▲**Cordoba**—Argentine bantam champion Jose Casas kayoed Enrique Aguero in third round.

▲**Chacabuco**—Welter Mario Guilloti beat Rafael Lascano (Uruguay), KO in 5th.

▲**Concordia**—Junior middleweight Hector Gomez kayoed Luis Garcilazo in 5th round.

▲**Tunuyan**—For the local heavy title Pablo Castellino kayoed Victor Quiroz in 8th round.

▲**Salta**—In the light heavy class Simeon Gallardo kayoed Juan Cardozo in six; **middles:** Huho Trujillo kayoed Carlos Salate in first round; in the lightweight class Carlos Ibanez kayoed Hector Ubedo in fourth round.

▲**Neuquen**—Junior welter Miguel Yanez kayoed Hector Umina in 4th.

▲**Comodoro Rivadavia**—In the middle division Argentine champion Antonio Aguilar kayoed Juanito Sanchez in seventh round.

▲**Rufino**—In the junior welter division Raul Sosa outpointed Oscar Raimundo in 10 rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires**—In the junior welter class, Juan J. Gimenez (brother of Carlos Gimenez, Argentine welter Jr. champion) drew with Francisco Lopez in 10 rounds.

▲**Bahia Blanca**—Argentine feather champion Oscar "Cachin" Mendez retained his crown against Graciano Pintore by knockout in 11. Lightweight Julio Cecar Obregon kayoed Hugo Hidalgo in six.

▲**Rio Tercero**—In the junior welters division Luis Dominguez kayoed Oscar Montiel in fourth round.

▲**Arias**—In the feather class Juan C. Alvarez outpointed Hector Puertas in eight rounds.

▲**Villa Angela**—Bantam Benicio Sosa kayoed Andres Abalos in second round.

▲**Villa Mercedes**—Welter Oscar Quevedo outpointed Americo Arrieta in 8 rounds.

▲**Parana**—Former Argentine bantam champion Hugo Bidyeran kayoed Rodolfo Calderolli in nine rounds. (Feathers)

▲**Villaguay**—In the feather class Hector Uviedo kayoed Roberto Carabajal in third round.

▲**Salta**—In the bantam division Carlos Cordoba kayoed Marcos Urquiza in six. **Middles:** Jorge Moreno beat Eliseo Nieva in 6; **welters:** Hector Cuello kayoed Jose Leiva in first round.

▲**Buenos Aires**—Middleweight Rodolfo Rosales beat Marcelo Quinones, Peru, in 10 rounds.

▲**General Cabrera**—In the welter division Americo Munoz whipped Angel Moyano in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires**—In the Luna Park ring, junior lightweight Julio Campagna and Oscar Barrios, drew in 10.

▲**Tucuman**—In the lightweight class Manuel Lopez kayoed Luis A. Bais in first round.

▲**Cordoba**—In the welter class Hugo Ladino beat Ramon Perez in six, lightweight Ramon Olea beat Luis Acosta in 6.

▲**Rio Cuarto**—Lightweight Jorge Gomez kayoed Redomires Madriaga, Chile, in five rounds.

▲**Huinca Renanco**—In the lightweight class Carlos H. Bustos whipped Hector Alba in 10.

▲**Mendoza**—In the junior light division Pedro Aguero outpointed Ramon Duarte in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires**—South America junior middle champion Hector Palleres lost to Juan "Yanny" Garcia by knockout in second round. (Non-title)

▲**San Carlos de Bariloche**—Flyweight Carlos Laciar kayoed Raul Perez in five rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires**—Undefeated middleweight Hugo Saavedra kayoed Humberto Salguero in 5th round.

HERNANDEZ GETS MORE ● POINTS THAN CARTWRIGHT ●

By ROBERT J. RUIZ

Des Moines, Iowa — Unbeaten local lightweight, Dale Hernandez, handily outpointed Joe Cartwright, Miami, Fla., via a unanimous decision in ten rounds. Hernandez had not been as impressive in previous Des Moines tener, winning over Johnny Copeland.

This time Hernandez was ready and maintained the upper hand throughout. The win pushed Dale's record to an impressive 18-0-0; all wins.

In one of the preliminaries, former national amateur champ now in the pro ranks, Lamont Lovelady, 172, Des Moines, had to get off the deck but went on to hammer out a win over John Townsend, 173, Springfield, Mo. Lamont has only recently turned pro.

Napoles Collects All 15 Rounds Against Menetrey

By J. A. TREE

PARIS, FRANCE – World welterweight champion Jose Napoles may not be the superstar he was some four years ago, but even now there is still no boxer capable of dethroning him. In Grenoble, he made a defense against Roger Menetrey in which he did not lose a round.

Referee Roland Dakin, Great Britain, made the champion in front by 149-139, which appeared to be quite a generous piece of arithmetic in favor of the Frenchman. Judges Georges Gondre, France, and Ruis Velasco, Mexico, saw Napoles superior by a larger margin, 150-137 and 150-134 respectively. The 15,000 crowd did not see the fight as one-sided as the officials and they applauded, rang bells and blew bugles every time their local matador was fortunate to land a reasonable punch. Unfortunately for Menetrey his fans were outside of the ring while he was left alone inside the ropes with Jose Napoles, who is still probably the best pound for pound boxer in the world today.

The best the Frenchman could do was to share a couple of the 15 rounds. His noted right hand punch, which had brought him so many victories, had little or no effect on the world champion and could not turn the fight in his favor. Napoles' left hand was often served up as a hook and a jab which did little to improve the good looking Frenchman's features.

Menetrey's awkwardness, his ability to take a punch, his supreme fitness and his courage saw him through. Had he cried enough midway no one would have criticized him. He was completely outboxed and had stepped out of his class.

Two European champions lost their crowns during the month. In Istanbul, junior welterweight champion Cemal Kamaci made a defense against Spaniard Tony Ortiz, and was outpointed. The 29 year-old Turk took the title from Roger Zami, France, in October 1971. This defeat by Ortiz could cancel out his proposed trip to America. At Lignano, Italy, junior middleweight champion Carlos Duran, Italy, was beaten by Frenchman Jacques Kechichian. German referee Kurt Halbach called a halt in round nine. The result did not come as a surprise for most critics looked upon Kechichian as the uncrowned ruler of Europe.

At Novara, Italy, Fernando Atzori, Italy, won Fritz Chervet's vacated European flyweight crown, stopping Dominque Cesari, France, in round twelve.

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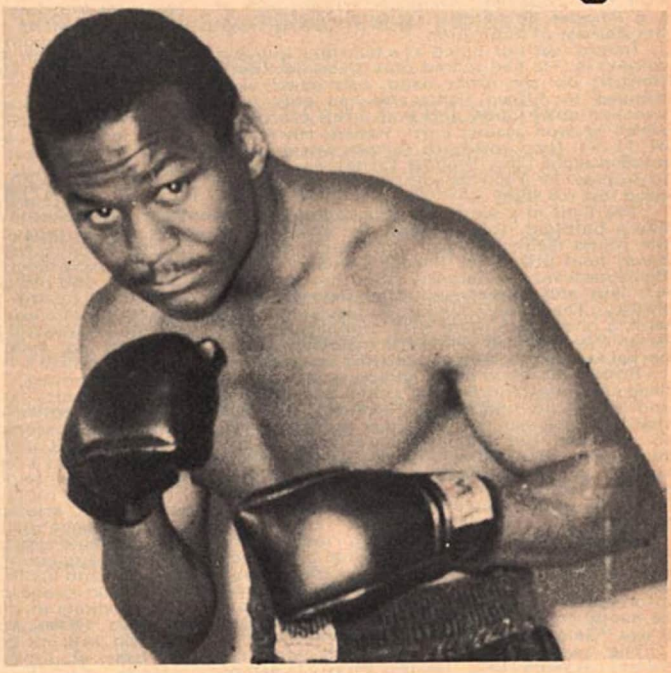

JOSE NAPOLES

EUROPEAN RATINGS

(As of August 15, 1973)

Heavyweights
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Bepi Ross (I)
2. Jose Urtain (S)
3. Mario Baruzzi (I)
4. Rudi Lubbers (H)
5. Conny Velensek (G)
6. Bern August (G)
7. Jan Lubbers (H)
8. Casimiro Martinez (S)
9. Arno Prick (G)
10. Mario Eschevarria (S)

Light Heavies
* John Conteh (GB)
1. Tom Bogs (D)
2. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
3. Karl Heinz Klein (G)
4. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
5. Eric Nussbaum (Switz)
6. Renzo Grespan (I)
7. Mario Almanzo (I)
8. Tom Jensen (D)
9. Franco Macchia (I)
10. Bas van Duivenbode (H)

Middleweights
Title Vacant
1. Jean Claude Bouttier (F)
2. Max Cohen (F)
3. Gratien Tonna (F)
4. Fabio Bettini (F)
5. Sauro Soprani (I)
6. Michel Chapier (F)
7. Mario Lamagna (I)
8. Luciano Sarti (I)
9. Eckhard Dagge (G)
10. Peter Tombers (G)

Junior Middles
* Jacques Kechichian (F)
1. Carlos Duran (I)
2. Johann Orsolics (A)
3. Silvano Bertini (I)
4. Frances Vermandere (F)
5. Jose Hernandez (S)
6. Fighting Mack (H)
7. Angel Guinaldo (S)
8. Christian Larsen (D)
9. Domenico Tiberia (I)
10. Randolph Hombach (G)

Welterweights
* Roger Menetrey (F)
1. Robert Gallois (F)
2. Jorgen Hansen (D)
3. Marco Scano (I)
4. Giuliano Nervino (I)
5. Gonzalez Dopico (S)
6. Walter Blaser (Switz)
7. Bruno Meggiolaro (I)
8. Domenico DiJorio (I)
9. Kurt Hombach (G)
10. Rumaldo D'Alo (I)

Junior Welterweights
* Tony Ortiz (S)
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Roger Zami (F)
3. Cemal Kamaci (T)
4. Pietro Ceru (I)
5. Romano Fanali (I)
6. Tommaso Marocco (I)
7. Bruno Freschi (I)
8. Jean Pierre Younsi (F)
9. Bernard Creton (F)
10. Baldassarre Picone (F)

Lightweights
* Antonio Puddu (I)
1. Enzo Pizzoni (I)
2. Dominque Azzaro (F)
3. Giuseppe Carbonara (I)
4. Perico Fernandez (S)
5. Efisio Pinna (I)
6. Leonard Tavarrez (F)
7. Enzo Petriglia (I)
8. Jean Piedvache (F)
9. Kid Tano (S)
10. Manuel Calvo (S)

Junior Lights
* Lothar Abend (G)
1. Tommaso Galli (I)
2. Ugo Poli (I)
3. Mario Sanna (I)
4. Felix Brami (F)
5. Sven Erik Paulsen (Fn)
6. Giogio Merlin (I)
7. Piero Meraviglia (I)
8. Mario Redi (I)
9. Domingo Jiminez
10. Domenico Chilorio (I)

Featherweights
* Jose Jiminez (S)
1. Jose Legra (S)
2. Elio Cotena (I)
3. Enzo Farinelli (I)
4. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
5. Bruno Pieraci (I)
6. Daniel Vermandere (F)
7. Ambrogio Mariani (I)
8. Nevio Carbi (I)
9. Rodolfo Garcia (S)
10. Domingo Jimenez (S)

Bantamweights
* Johnny Clark (GB)
1. Franco Zurlo (I)
2. Bob Allotey (S)
3. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
4. Ferdinando Ripamonti (I)
5. Guy Caudron (F)
6. Ambrogio Mariani (I)
7. Tony Sassarini (I)
8. Efizio Onidi (I)
9. Franco Petrozzi (I)
10. Luigi Tessarini (I)

Flyweights
* Fernando Atzori (I)
1. Fritz Chervet (Switz)
2. Franco Sperati (I)
3. Dino Contemori (I)
4. Mariano Garcia (S)
5. Emilio Pireddu (I)
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7. Altero Marini (I)
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10. Sanchez Escudero (S)

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ROBLES HAS LAS VEGAS GA-GA WITH WINNING STREAK OF 20 STRAIGHT

By ROBERT MOSS

Las Vegas, Nev. — Rudy Montoya is so pleased over his acquisition of middleweight Rudy Robles, that he has built a spanking new gymnasium to house his jewel. But despite Montoya's enthusiasm, the citizens of this town are not so sure.

Robles won his 20th fight here recently, extending his unbeaten streak. But he was only on display for the two minutes and forty seconds it took him to dispose of his opponent. And that opponent, Clarence Geiggar, also of Los Angeles, to be charitable, did not put up the sternest of opposition.

Robles was not billed as a fearsome puncher coming in. He had scored only five knockouts. Geiggar, on the other hand, had never been stopped in fifteen fights and had only been knocked down once, and that in his pro debut which he won against Larry Kepler. His record of 11-3-1 (two losses to former world junior middleweight king, Freddie Little) was inferior to Robles' 19-0 but he was still thought to be a good test for Rudy.

The fight in a sense was fought in two parts like a bullfight. Robles spent the first part of the round feeling his man out. He circled him, hands held low (after the fight Robles said he fights each man differently) shooting out quick left jabs and expertly slipping Geiggar's own thrusts. Then very quickly Robles stepped in with a short left hook that dropped Geiggar. After Clarence had taken the mandatory eight he backed into a corner and tried to cover up.

Robles was in no hurry and pounded away to head and body. But Geiggar's shell was effective and few of the punches got through. It seemed that Clarence was out of danger as they moved to mid-ring. But Robles again leaned in and caught his man with a left uppercut. When Geiggar got up this time he appeared to be in serious trouble and Robles had his legs wobbling when referee Buddy Basilico stopped the affair.

Geiggar protested vigorously, insisting he never had been hurt. He called for a rematch and all those around him in his dressing room assured him the match should be made. When informed of this request Robles said he would be happy to comply but added that he thought it was "Geiggar's subconscious talking."

The two Rudys for whom the Montoya Robles Boxing and Health Club is named expressed disappointment with the brevity of the contest. Each believes that Robles can handle any middleweight in the world and they wanted to show the folks who had gathered at the Circus Hotel what Robles had.

Indeed, with the dangerous Geiggar (he had won 8 of his 11 by K.O.) in serious trouble, Robles did not appear to be overly exerting himself to put him down for the third knockdown that would automatically stop the contest.

Part of this might be because Robles needed the work. Like Geiggar he had not fought this year. Geiggar gave difficulty finding opponents to fight him as the reason for his layoff. Robles said he had not fought because of managerial difficulties.

At the close of 1972 Robles had scored his two biggest wins thus far, a pair of decisions over Ronnie Wilson, a veteran with at least three times as many fights. Shortly after this Montoya became his manager and Robles was working out and the center-piece of a facility which Montoya boasts includes a plethora of full length mirrors, deep pile carpeting, bright orange, and a sauna.

Two weeks previously the two had been at ringside watching Rocky DiFazio, Ring's June middleweight Prospect of the Month, record another knockout. At the time both manager and fighter allowed that they would fight anyone from DiFazio to Monzon. After his fight with Geiggar talk was of bringing him back to Las Vegas to fight either young, unbeaten John L. Sullivan or old ringwise Denny Moyer who Sullivan recently defeated.

In fact, the only thing that might stand in Robles' way is Robles. He weighed 165 (to Geiggar's 162½) and as promoter Bill Miller sagely observed, Rudy as a growing twenty-year old youngster will find difficulty making the middleweight limit and might soon outgrow the division.

▲The spectators were not too happy with the quick knockout. The fight was the finale of a four bout card, the rest of which ended by third round knockouts. Thus the fans were able to view less than ten rounds of battling. The week before it had been even worse as preliminary fighters Terry Hinke, George Clark, and Don Nelson all scored first round KO's. It came almost as a relief when George "Scrapiron" Johnson took three rounds to put Joe "Tiger" Harris away.

After a continuous six year run at the Silver Slipper the Strip Fight of the Week program has moved to the Circus Hotel. Thus far, in two programs not one bout has gone past three rounds.

▲Detroit's Charlie Harris did everything he could to score a KO over outclassed Frank Davilla of Los Angeles in a Silver Slipper program. Harris, a rated welterweight contender, got a lopsided verdict which saw only one judge giving Davilla as much as a round.

Davilla, 143, was hit hard and often but the closest he came to being knocked down was a slip in the fifth round.

In the eighth Harris, 143½, shook him with a crisp combination to the head. Watching Harris record his 34th win in 36 bouts was number one welter contender, Hedgemon Lewis, who is also from Detroit as is Harris's stablemate John "Bojack" Mangum.

Mangum, 162, won the semi-main with a technical knockout over Johnny Wise, 162, of Las Vegas, when the local fighter refused to continue his bout with Mangum because he insisted he had broken his jaw.

▲One week later the honor of fighting the last bout at the Silver Slipper fell to DiFazio. Rocky, who though undefeated has had more perils than Pauline, again seemed in trouble but he stopped his opponent, Frank Kolovart of Phoenix in the third round. DiFazio has a paralyzing punch with either hand and the stamina to enable him to come back and destroy an opponent after being hurt himself. The only blemish on his record is a draw with veteran southpaw Rosario Zavala. In their battle, Rocky's fifth pro bout, DiFazio at times looked exceedingly clumsy. The result is that DiFazio, who though he fights out of Chicago is sponsored by the Stardust Hotel, has become something of a boxer. Though at a disadvantage against Kolovart's longer reach, DiFazio, 156, managed to keep him off balance with a pushing jab.

But Kolovart, 155, who like Zavala and several others have had much more pro experience than t e former Army paratrooper, had a good second round and several times Rocky seemed hurt.

In the third a right again rocked DiFazio but Rocky, who seldom stops coming, rushed Frank to the ropes, dug a left to the body and as Kolovart attempted to cover up, whipped over a straight right which referee Basilico said struck Frank "square on the temple." Kolovart, stunned, was counted out for his fourth loss in 31 bouts and his first knockout.

DiFazio is one of that breed who prefers to do his talking in the ring. He grunted agreeably under a towel when asked if he had been satisfied with his performance. He has said that he feels at times that he has looked too awkward. On the other hand he had a short amateur career and his handlers cannot be accused of putting him in with soft touches as just about everyone he has fought has had more experience.

"Butter," said handler Mike Sarge before whipping DiFazio on to a plane back to Chicago. "We're going to have him working so smooth he's going to be like butter."

Anyone who has seen DiFazio in action immediately would notice the incongruity. Rocky is anything but soft. He is not only capable of knocking a man out with a single punch of either hand to the head but to the body as well. In fact his effectiveness thus far seems to lie in his success with the larger target.

Seemingly capable of knocking out most of the two legged species and perhaps even an elephant or grizzly bear as well, should DiFazio even acquire the consistency and smoothness of margarine, his potential would be staggering.

▲The fights kicked off at Circus with Scrapiron, 222, heading the all heavyweight cast. His opponent, Tiger Harris, 195, had been in with him a short time before he discovered the dismaying fact that Johnson was pouring a ton of leather into the Tiger's own tank.

Outweighed by many pounds, for Harris the fight was a discouraging game of "Scrap and mouse." He fought well but Johnson's style is simply to give no opponent rest and to utilize his extreme poundage in every close exchange and clinch. It was Johnson's fourth straight knockout triumph this year, all in Las Vegas. The total represents more fights than Johnson has had in two previous years of competition.

Though he commutes from Los Angeles, Johnson has become a local favorite. For his bout with Harris he entered the ring wearing a glittering red silk ensemble ("They were made by my wife") and a determined expression.

During the short bout he continually forced Harris into corners and along the ropes. He finished with a left hook to the liver which left Harris sprawled on his back for several minutes after he had been counted out. He had combined this punch with a right cross to knock Harris down for a count of seven earlier in the round.

Johnson, who is also a school administrator in L.A., has not been extended in his four appearances here. But the prospects of matching him with the likes of Bonavena have local fans drooling. Another interesting match for him might be Terry Hinke, who preceded Johnson in the semi-main with a quick knockout of Daniel Lee of Louisville. Like Johnson, Hinke is a punishing body puncher.

Lee, 198, was knocked down after only a minute of the round with a left hook to the rib cage and later he claimed that it was this punch that accounted for his first knockout (10-2) though he rose after the punch. With Lee in trouble, Hinke, 211, charged him and a barrage of punches to the head draped Daniel over the rope.

Though Hinke has not met the caliber of competition of a Johnson fighting mainly out of or near his northwest home of Portland, Oregon; Hinke has compiled a record of 29-2-2 with 26 coming by knockouts.

He is remembered by local fans for having the effrontry to trade shots with George Foreman in an exhibition here after the champ had won his title. People here whose memory goes back a little further remember a war staged by Johnson and the late Sonny Liston in which the two stood toe to toe and attempted to tear each other's midsections apart.

Johnson, who has met most of the top heavyweights, called Liston the best man he ever faced and when asked about Sonny's vaunted left paid Liston the ultimate tribute saying—"That man! He jabs a hole right through you!"

▲Though none of them have reached main event status yet, there is a spate of youngsters here who are attracting quite a following after staying unbeaten in fledgling pro careers after amateur campaigns which all saw them winning honors from regional Golden Gloves to national amateur finalists.

They come in all sizes from heavyweight George Clark who likes to call himself "Superspade" and who has won all four of his pro bouts by knockout to Willie "Bird" Jensen an eighteen year old who has won six fights weighing at or near the flyweight limit.

The others, all trained in Henderson, Nevada, by Mickey Parks include Leroy Haley, an amateur national finalist who has won four pro fights as a welterweight and middleweight Larry Shelton who this month survived his first pro knockdown to record his fifth triumph.

Perhaps the most exciting prospect if not the most talented is Jensen who at his best looks like a tiny Cassius Clay. He won his sixth contest this month when he captured a six round duke over Johnny Mason in Phoenix, coming back from a third round knockdown to get the triumph.

One slight step-up in experience is another local fighter, Ezra Davis Jr. A decorated Vietnam veteran he had won his first four contests but then was stopped by tough Jeff Lucas, famous for being the only individual thus far to introduce the seat of DiFazio's blue velvet shorts with hard canvas. Followed a unanimous loss to Haley in a four rounder. But this month Davis won a unanimous decision over Manny Jiminez in six and then KO'ed Pete Villa in three with some crisp combinations that indicated as the soft-spoken Davis said later, "I think I'm coming back."

▲ADDITIONAL RECENT RESULTS — King Smith, 172, Dec. Polo Ramirez, 170, L.A. 5 rounds; Haley, 136, Las Vegas Dec. Demetrio Salazar, 140, L.A. 8 rds.; Don Nelson, 211, Phoenix KO John Scroggins, 192, Phoenix, 1 rd.; George Clark, 187, Las Vegas, KO Ray Thomas, 219, L.A. 1 rd.

Larry Shelton, 157, Las Vegas, KO Jeff Good, 161, L.A. 3 rds.; Haley, 137, Las Vegas, stopped Bart Spencer, 140, L.A. 3 rds. Spencer couldn't continue after being hit by what looked like a low blow.

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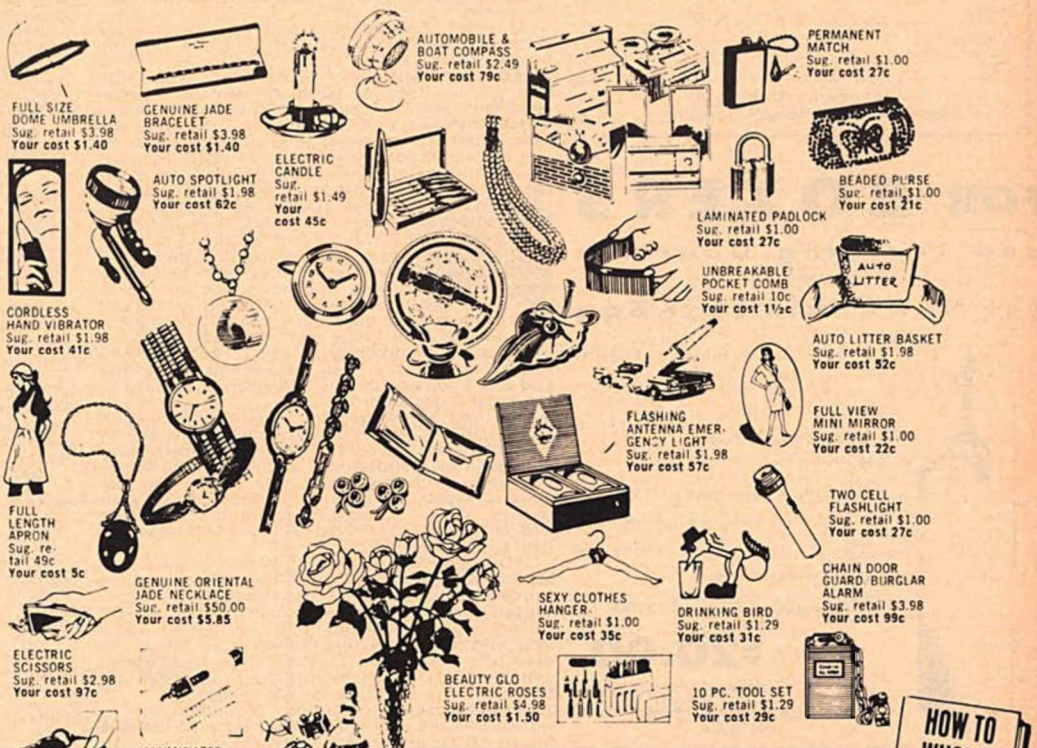

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By ED CLARK

Johannesburg, South Africa — Arnold Taylor, South African dual feather and bantam king was given a tough fight against Billy Waith, Wales, at the Portuguese Hall, Turffontein. Taylor won on points over 10 rounds in a contest that delighted those who appreciate the arts of boxing. Waith boxed too defensively and showed little aggression. Taylor was made to miss often by Waith's ability to slip punches and Waith's speed. Taylor's body attack began to pay dividends as Waith slowed down and look leg weary but he speeded up in the final three rounds.

Gielie Buitendag, rising welterweight, was given a tough nut to crack in Irishman Mickey Flynn and also won a 10 rounds points verdict. Flynn took all that Buitendag had to offer without any resistance except in the fifth when his legs wobbled. Buitendag's nose was bleeding due to the use of Flynn's secret punch, his head. It was a rugged fight. Buitendag deserved to win via cleaner blows against an awkward opponent.

Dave Koen KO'ed Naas Labuschagne, 1, lightweights; Gerrie Bodenstein KO'ed Connie Geel, 2, light heavyweights and Gert Craemer KO'ed Kosie Wiese, 3, middleweights.

▲**Springs**—At the Kwa Thema Civic Centre Maxwell Malinga hammered former middleweight king Gordon Goba over 8 rounds to win on points. Goba was on the receiving end thruout. He did his best to bulldoze Malinga but was systematically punished with well timed blows to head and body. Left hooks and rights found their mark in the fourth and Malinga took command as he punished Goba at will.

Bantam champion Joe Gumede took exactly 7 minutes and 31 seconds to halt Simon Monamodi. Monamodi's seconds threw in the towel in the third to end the fight. Gumede shot blows through Monamodi's guard and then cut loose with lefts and right crosses. Body blows followed and jarring uppercuts and then the towel.

Norman Sekgapane punished Joe Archer severely to win on points over 6 in the lightweight division.

▲**Durban**—Blakeney Matthews won the return fight against Bob Allotey at Curries Fountain over 10 rounds in the featherweight division. It was a close verdict in a thrill packed fight. Matthews speed played a big part but he was not reluctant to "have a go" when the need arose. Allotey, the more polished boxer did not press his attacks whilst Matthews was always on the move. Both men landed hard blows and Allotey shone at close quarters. The left-right combination of Allotey's had Matthews puzzled after two even first two rounds. Allotey came out fighting in the next three but Matthews shone with his right. Matthews was on top in the eighth with a straight left and a "killer" right but Allotey gave back punch for punch. The fans were on their feet in the last round as both boys hammered at each other with a vengeance. Allotey took the microphone at the end and claimed that he had won, "contrary to the judges' decision."

Former middleweight champion Gordon Goba easily outscored Abraham Sibeko over 8 hectic rounds. Quick to the punch, Goba never allowed his opponent any respite. Moses Mthembu won narrowly over Wally van der Haar, 6, lightweights; Phillip Hlophe decisioned plucky Cecil Kekana, 6, (junior welters); Vincent Ngcobo KO'ed Andy Mofokeng, 1, bantamweights.

▲**Durban**—Sad news for Natal boxers and especially Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini was the sudden death due to a heart attack of promoter Wilson Moses (32). He brought Curtis Cokes, former world welter king to South Africa last year and this year Willie Warren from Texas. He died just before the fight between Makhathini and Warren in Durban and the promotion was taken over by the Natal Board of Control.

▲**Johannesburg**—Anthony Morodi's sun is setting. At the Jabulani Ampitheatre he lost the South African junior lightweight crown to Nkosana Mgxaji over 12 exciting rounds. Morodi was outboxed by his younger opponent who fought mostly on the retreat but countered too fast for Morodi when Anthony attacked. Lefts and rights and also a left hook opened up Morodi and he was hurt in both head and body. Speedier Mgxaji was well ahead up to the fourth and even at this stage a miracle was needed for Morodi to hold on to his title.

Body attacking in the fifth but a hard Morodi right knocked Mgxaji's gum shield out. In the sixth Morodi relied heavy on his experience and caught "Happy Boy" Mgxaji with blows. Morodi scored with lefts and rights in the tenth but took hard countering blows for his efforts. Mgxaji missed badly in the eleventh and in the final round Morodi went after his man but was trapped in a corner and Mgxaji cut loose with hard lefts and rights. Morodi fought back but his title was won by the faster Mgxaji.

Although he won the 12 rounds fight on points Victor Tshabalala did not win the South African junior welter crown as he failed to make the weight for the vacant title. Tshabalala gave his opponent Jeremiah Nzelwane a boxing lesson as he varied his attack with jabs, hooks, and combinations. It was not one-sided as Nzelwane more than often traded blow for blow. In the third Tshabalala was warned for a low blow and so was Nzelwane.

Nzelwane was dropped to his haunches but was up without a count. The fifth was a blow for blow round with Nzelwane faster but Tshabalala hit hard with lefts and rights. Tshabalala walked into a hard right in the 8th. but recovered to punish his man. Tshabalala's right knocked the gumshield out but he in turn was staggered by Nzelwane via a hefty right cross. It was hard going again in the tenth. The fans applauded Nzelwane in the eleventh as a series of lefts had Tshabalala bobbing and weaving. The final round was an anti-climax as the pace had caught up with the fighters, but Tshabalala landed several good blows.

▲**Johannesburg**—Jacob Jobe beat veteran Anthony Sithole over six rounds in the feather division being much faster than the veteran Sithole.

Louis Miya KO'ed Andries Moloi in 5 rounds. It was a fight that both were guilty of holding in this lightweight fight. Moloi was dropped early in the fifth with a hefty straight right and later a left put him down.

Maurice Toweel of Springbok Promotions flew to U.S.A. to see Yancey Durham to negotiate a title fight with Bob Foster for Pierre Fourie but could not persuade Foster's manager to fight in Swaziland on the South African border and it was only after his return that the fight was offered Fourie in Alberquque, Mexico, Foster's home town.

▲**King Williams Town**—Natal featherweight champion Blakeney Matthews stopped Phalo "Butterfly" Tshume KOing him in two minutes 45 seconds of the second round. Tshume on the receiving end in the first, received hard blows from Matthews but retaliated well with body blows. Matthews hard hitting forced Tshume on the retreat. A straight right in the second and down Tshume went and on rising was sent to the canvas again. The third time he was sent down the fight was over.

Wallace van der Haar decisioned Mtutuzeli Mooi, 6, (Lightweights); Griffiths Mgijima outscored Aycliff Stengile, 6, (Junior welters); Thabo Moloko and Cyril Adams ended even, 4, (Featherweights); Mzukisi Skweyiya outscored "Banana Boy" Sigetye, 4, (Flyweights).

▲**Durban**—Curries Fountain was the scene of the return fight between Willie Warren, Texas, U.S.A. and Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini giving the American the opportunity to reverse the decision that Makhathini won in Cape Town. "Tap Tap" won more convincing this time as he punished Warren to gain a clear win in 10 rounds. Makhathini almost won on a KO as he had Warren draped over the ropes in the last round with a left. Warren lacked artistry and finesse and could not follow up his attacks. Makhathini's southpaw stance upset him. Makhathini used a variety of punches in reducing Warren to almost a human punching bag.

Abraham Sibeko TKO'ed Richard Mdlolo, 1, middleweights; Toughie Borias TKO'ed David Mdlalose, 6, lightweights; Paulos Buthelezi decisioned Solomon Ntuli, 6, lightweights; Lemichon Mkhize outscored Paulos Shozi, 6, lightweights.

▲**New Brighton, Port Elizabeth**—Surviving a fourth round knockdown Johannes Sithebe retained his flyweight crown in beating Joe Ngidi, Jr., over 12 hectic rounds at the Centenary Great Hall. Sithebe in dazzling form dominated the fight and game Ngidi saw out the distance through courage and the will to go the distance. No wasting time when the first bell sounded. They moved into the fight with Sithebe on top. A left hook put Sithebe down in the fourth but it spurred Sithebe on and he came back with a vengeance. Ngidi could not cope with the speed and accuracy that was Sithebe's and missed many times.

Joe Archer TKO'ed Petrus Mokoena, 6, lightweights; Maxwell Malinga won a hard six over former welter king McKeed Mofokeng, welterweights; Sipiwe Bhengu decisioned Johannes Phathi, 6, bantamweights.

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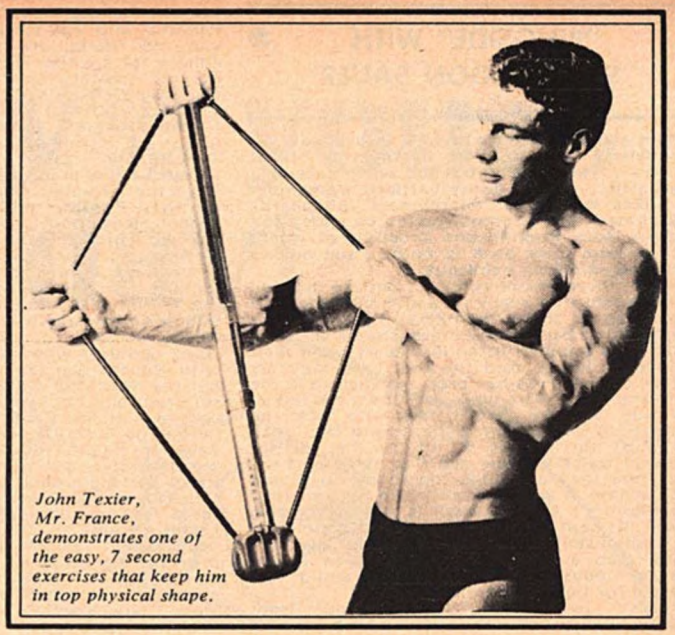

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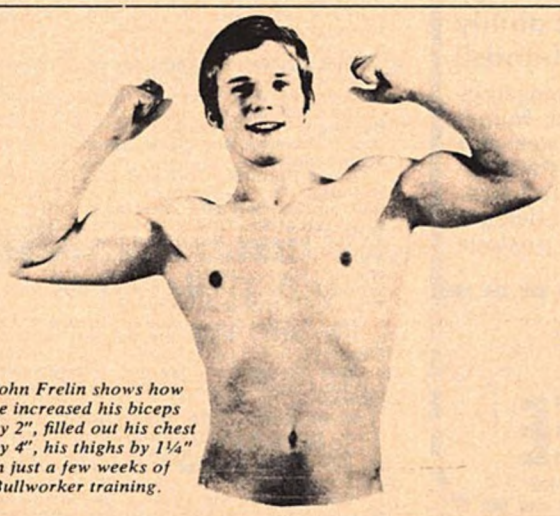

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The avid boxing fan usually is over-sold on punchers. I like to refer to them as "front runners"...who get untracked when extended in a battle...with a heady battler!! Remember the likes of Curtis "Hatchman" Sheppard? "Hatchman" did a demolition job on crafty and ringwise Joey Maxim—but a couple of weeks later—Maxim came back to outbox and outfox Sheppard—pitching a shutout.

When these "front runners" get the drop on an opponent they really do a job—but when the opposition of these "bombers" firms up with guys who have a bit more starch in their shorts—the bombers often lose heart when their opponents fail to fold the first time they lay leather on them—as has been the custom in the past—and from there on in it is down the hill all the way for the tyro tiffers who lack the tenacity to come from behind—and this is an old story in boxing—a lot of the "front runners" quickly come apart at the seams the first time they are subjected to pressure—and just become as an "also ran"...in the annals of punchdom—!! Ernie Terrell is still attempting to sell his tarnished fistic goods to promoters who will listen and buy—Ernie was always a "stab, grab and apologize guy" even in his younger days—he very seldom could get arrested for fighting on the street.

Gypsy Joe Harris is after the Penn. Commission to give him his boxing license back—even though he has but "one light"... this will never happen, I am fairly sure—!! Old Suey Welch, the aged and knowledgeable fight manager based in the Los Angeles area, got his nickname "Suey" because he is nuts over Chinese-American food—that was years ago—and it stuck with him ever since...Dennis Riggs, the so-called Southern champ of the middleweights, has the number of Mendoza fighter Marcel Clay, and he didn't get it in the phone book...Dennis has duked Clay twice, with ease...Lou Gross is one of the top trainers in boxing—and Lou has been around this game for over 45 years—He is 63...

Upstate New York light-heavyweight Tommy Hicks, who looks a lot like Joe Palooka, and was started off in boxing by my late old friend, Joe Netro, has returned to college for a while—in fact, long enough to pick up his masters—smart boy, Tommy...West coast fight critics say that Bobby Chacon could still be a champ even though former king, Ruben Olivares, subjected the youngster to quite a trouncing...the "house" was 15,100—the gate $174,210...Incidentally Olivares has a brand new manager in Francisco "Pancho" Rosales, who also guides the Gomez brothers—Famoso and Famosito...Has welterweight Hedgemon Lewis deserted the fight beat following brother Blue into retirement..????

A young fistic product who'll bear watching is Cowboy Jimmy Heair—who is the "rage of railbirds" on the West Coast...Tony Licata is a kid whom I would like to see going for the middleweight crown...Irish Johnny Coiley has finally decided to come out of retirement... Isaac Quintas, who nearly died after his bout with Renato Garcia, has been put on pension by the Mexican Government...Joe Medrano suffered another kayo loss and the boxing commission in California should retire him before he is seriously hurt...It could be that Caesar's Palace is going into the boxing business—they got a promoter's license and will shoot for big money fights...Nels Werner, the Chicago commission chairman, is trying to force Jose Napoles into a title fight against aged Eddie Perkins in the Windy City. Argentine heavyweight Pedro Lovell has one major problem—he punches too hard for his brittle hands—Mando Muniz is now under the exclusive management of veteran Jake Horn...Joe Herman is back at his gym in San Francisco after a tour of Europe and Africa in search of a fighter...West Coast sensation Danny Lopez, kid-brother of welterweight Ernie "Red" and W.B.C. bantamweight "champ" Rafael Herrera are a possible title match in late September if Herrera can overcome reported stomach ulcers...Emile Griffith picks up $45,000 for boxing Australia #1 middleweight in a Parisian ring and his foe, Tony Mundine gets only 25 big ones...When Jerry Quarry and Earnie Shavers signed for their fight—Quarry's purse was to be $25,000 and Shaver's $12,000...after Ernie stopped Jimmy Ellis out in one, Quarry and Shavers were re-signed to contracts calling for $60,000 each—!! One status that Bayonne heavyweight Chuck Wepner has it that he is the biggest bleeder since the days of Henry Cooper. You just can't satisfy everybody—the same Harold Valan who voted for Jimmy Ellis in the highly controversial decision over Floyd Patterson in Stockholm five years ago—was subjected to the wrath of Ellis's corner for allegedly giving Jimmy a quick count against Shavers...Former Canadian light-heavyweight king Burke Emery is so high on his featherweight Art Hafey, we would be willing to bet his bankroll that young Art will be challenging for the title before another year is out...Joe Bugner proved he has a lot of heart—but you have to have a punch to win fights also...heart helps...Reminds me so much of Tommy Farr, who never knew the word quit, but couldn't crack an egg with a sledgehammer...

ALONG THE VBA TRAIL

By SCOOP GALLELLO

INTERNATIONAL VBA PRESIDENT

Chico Vejar...recently was appointed secretary of the Connecticut Boxing Commission, headed by Commissioner Mrs. Barbara Dunn.

Maxie Fisher...former boxer from New Jersey, recently passed away at age 59.

Johnny Yarnes...pugilist of yesteryear, passed away at age 77. He boxed in 75 bouts, facing Young Rector, Bobby Mickles and Joe Tiplitz. He came away victorious 60 times while scoring 30 knockouts. For 38 years he worked for the Bell Telephone Co.

Harold Johnson...former world's light heavy king recently underwent surgery for removal of knee bone fragments. Johnson has a son who is a minister, while his sister is married to former boxer Ike White.

Wally Cross...former ringster recently was discharged from the hospital, and doing well.

Johnny Craven...who boxed former junior lightweight champ Benny Bass, lost two trailers in the same flood that hit IVBA photographer Vince and Jo Handley. They lost virtually everything.

Mickey Esposito...secretary of Ring #14, recently was discharged from the hospital, doing well.

Pat Valentino...heavyweight who boxed Ezzard Charles in an NBA title bout, is the manager of the produce department in a Los Angeles Safeway Store.

Ring #32...of Detroit, recently held 7th annual banquet. Frank Elam was given the Lester Philbin Award: John Hudson garnered the Ed Wagonlander Award: Bill Funderberg got the Johnnie Addie Award, Corporal Izzy Schwartz represented the IVBA. Sam "Sue" Gurwin received the Ring #32 Award: Guest speaker, Nick Kerbaway.

Dave Zyglewicz...former heavyweight boxer who had a near fatal accident by inhaling dangerous fumes while working inside of a smokestack, talking "comeback."

Members of the U.S. Maccabiah boxing team who will participate in the 9th. world Maccabiah games in Israel are: Craig Gallop, featherweight; Ronnie Aurit, Lightweight; Terry Schwartz, Light Welter; Mike Nelson, Light Middle; Claude Kleiman, Welter; William Finkle, Middleweight; Gary Silverman, Light Heavy and Peter Brodsky, Heavyweight.

Jack Martin...who boxed on the same team with the late Marty Servo while in the U.S. Coast Guard, is now a boxing instructor for the Dept. of Recreation in Philadelphia.

Biggest contributors to the Ezzard Charles Fund are Lou Handler's Ring #32, Detroit and Harry K. Wall and his ring #50 of Hawaii. John Antonacci, 128 Lamson Street, Syracuse, N.Y. is winner of the Ezzard Charles T.V. raffle.

The 8th Annual Banquet of Ring #30 was a great success, with former world's heavyweight king Jersey Joe Walcott, former featherweight champs Willie Pep and Phil Terranova; former flyweight kings Willie LaMorte and Corporal Izzy Schwartz, and State Senator Joe Pisani in attendance.

Steve Belloise, Corporal Izzy Schwartz, Bob Brandt, Irv Silverman made a trip to Baltimore's ring 101 meeting recently and were surprised at the turnout of almost 100 members at Joe Poodles Pool Hall. Some former fistic greats in attendance were former world bantam champ Harry Jeffra; Frankie Litt, Ring 101 prexy Vince Cala; Izzy Kaplan, Lou Transparanti and Ace Dundee.

Harry Pegg's...Boxiana Review Edition #9 is due soon. Great photos of oldtime fistic greats.

Pat Comiskey...former heavyweight is a business agent for Teamsters Union based in California.

Mike Sands...former pugilist from New York, is living in Honolulu, promoting his own closed circuit T.V. known as Colorama Video Films. Jack Lord, of T.V.'s Hawaii Five-O, is assisting Mike.

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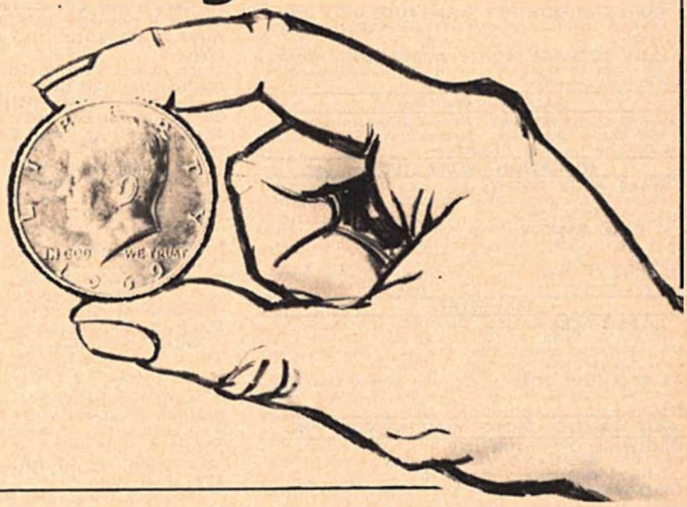

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RIGGS RISES FROM DECK TO ● SCORE OVER CLAY IN 10 ●

By HANK KAPLAN

Miami Beach, Fla. — In the ten round feature at the Miami Beach Auditorium, before 2,746 fans, Dennis Riggs, 162¼, Jacksonville, captured the split decision vote of the judges. As in their previous match, Marcel Clay, 164, the vanquished opponent, put Riggs on the deck and had him in trouble several times in the early rounds. Then, about round six, the injury to Clay's left eye began to manifest itself. By round 8 the eye had minimal vision and from there to the 10th, Clay fought with a blind side. (Why?)

In overwhelming Riggs for two thirds of the battle, Clay felt he earned the decision.

Referee Cy Gottfried called it a draw at 45-45, judge Bunny Lovett tallied his card at 46-45 for Riggs, and Barry Pearlman saw it the same way—46-45 for Riggs.

In a scheduled ten rounder, Angel Robinson Garcia, 146, stopped Raphael Jiminez, 142, San Juan, P.R., as the latter could not continue after round four.

In a six round bout, Tony Green scored a technical knockout over Joe Hooks, 166¾, Philadelphia, in the final round. Green, from Miami, came in at 170.

In a four rounder, Mike Bombaro, 150, Opa-Locka, stopped Irwin Axelrod, 152, as Axelrod failed to come out for the third.

Mike Koranicki, Pittsburgh, 188, gained a TKO over Carlos Dunstan, 195, Miami, in round three.

▲**Miami Beach**—In his initial test since holding his own with former world champion Ken Buchanan, Frankie Otero, 131¼, Hialeah, pulled a squeaker out of the voting box as he decisioned a smooth-boxing Love Allotey, 128½, Ghana.

The bout was one of the best seen here in a long while.

The ten round feature drew 2,752 at the Miami Beach Auditorium.

In a supporting ten rounder, one of boxing's current 20 year men and still going strong, Angel Robinson Garcia, 146, now residing in Miami, stopped J. T. Dowe, 145½, Tampa, in round 8. Dowe started off fast but ran into pin-pointed right hands which Garcia with at will to turn the battle around until the referee stepped between the two.

John L. Johnson, 203½, Tampa, put the finisher on Virgil Rae McFarthing, 211, Oklahoma City, in the 2nd round.

In a six round bout, Leon Shaw, 203, Jacksonville, beat Henry Hall, 236, Orlando.

In an aftermath of the Angel Garcia - J. T. Dowe fight, former world ranked Eddie Linder stepped into the ring to challenge Garcia. Without a moment's hesitation Garcia said, "now" and connected with a right on Linder's chin. At the same time a Garcia supporter jumped onto the ring apron and slugged Linder several times to the ribs before the melee was broken up by ringside police. This was the first time within anyone's memory that such an incident took place in this ring.

▲Perhaps not a replica of Jake LaMatta, but surely a conglomerate of characteristics belonging to LaMatta and Rocky Graziano may be found in the budding Vinnie Curto, former amateur star of Boston.

In his first feature at the Miami Beach Auditorium, Curto, 177¾, unanimously outpunched previously unbeaten Casey Gacic, 172, awkward Cleveland newcomer who made a big hit in his losing effort.

Gacic, who refused the stool between rounds, never winced under the fire of Curto and kept coming to his opponent, throwing an unorthodox right hand in an overhand and uppercut fashion. Curto cleverly avoided Gacic's power after the first couple of rounds to gain the judges decision.

In another ten rounder, James Summerville, slimmed down to 231½, Miami, gained a third round knockout over Hydra Lacey, 191, Melbourne, Fla.

In a sixer, Ricky Samaratana, 138¼, Boston, former amateur champion and Vietnam veteran, outfoxed Henry Thomas, 142, Miami, as he won the unanimous decision.

Samaratana is the latest acquisition of the Mendoza Group, local boxer sponsoring organization who also control Marcel Clay and Vinnie Curto. This was the third straight duke Samaratana gained over Henry Thomas.

In another scheduled sixer, John L. Johnson, 206, Tampa protege of Mac Goodman, impressively returned from two knockdowns in the first two rounds to kayo Leon Shaw, 200, Jacksonville, in round three.

In a four rounder, Mike Koranicki, 187¼, Pittsburgh, making his pro debut, excited the fans with his fast and hard punching as he flattened Larry McGee, 189, Miami, in the first round.

▲**Miami Beach, Fla.**—Consistent running by Chris Dundee at the Miami Beach Auditorium has spurred larger crowds than in previous summers. It is difficult to recall when his productions have been so uniformly on an action level.

Larry Mujica and Freddie Terhune, both long-time boxing men, have teamed up to teach boxing and exhibit their students at boxing shows presented by the Sweetwater Recreation Department. Both men are dedicated to this activity, pulling dozens of kids off the idle activities of the street to wholesome body-building activities and deserve commendation from the City of Sweetwater for their unselfish efforts. . .Vernon McIntosh, Miami's most popular performer, overnighted in Scranton, scene of an earlier battle and returned a knockout winner over Tommy Kost, Binghamton heavyweight, in the second round. . .Sammy Massias, Ritchie Lee Roberts, Milton Blankston and Ben (Wildman) Hammond are consistent winners on Dick Lee's amateur boxing shows during weekly events at the New City of Miami Arena. . .During the recent Florida Sports Hall of Fame banquet at the Doral Country Club, not a single Florida boxer was accorded entry. . .Joey Cartwright, West Palm Beach lightweight, handled by Moe Fleischer, visited Des Moines where he dropped a ten round feature to Dale Hernandez. Kid brother Hidalgo, of Santo Domingo, lightweight Juan Hidalgo, is making a reputation here in the amateurs. . .Jamaican heavyweight Oliver Wright won his eighth, taking a ten round unanimous decision over Trinidad champion Wendell Josephs at Kingston, bringing his career to 8-1-0.

HAFEY STOPS BEAUDIN ● IN 2 AT NEW GLASGOW ●

By FRED BISHOP

New Glasgow, N.S. — Art Hafey, 125, New Glasgow, sent the crowd home early as he hung a second round kayo on Ferdinand Beaudin, 125, Quebec City.

Hafey, showing for the first time in his home-town in over a year, has been fighting out of California under the direction of veteran Suey Welch and Burke Emery and has run up 12 straight wins.

Hafey gave Beaudin little chance to show anything as after a feeling-out period in the first went right to work in the second and stopped the visitor with body belts at the 1:21 mark. Hafey in 31 fights is now 24-4-3 with 15 kayos.

In the six round semi-final, Barry Sponagle, 131, Westville, N.S. stopped Royal Boutin, 136, Quebec City, at the 2:29 mark of the fourth as Sponagle's incessant blows to the head left Boutin helpless.

In six rounds, Pete Linthorne, 136, Stellarton, hung a fourth round kayo on Reg MacLean, 136, New Glasgow. This was a hot contest, one of the best seen in this town in a long time.

One bout was cancelled due to a fighter failing his medical. (He fought in Halifax the same night).

▲**Halifax, Nova Scotia** — Dave Downey, 162, Halifax, Canadian middleweight champion, had his hands full for six rounds but came on strong in the last four to outpoint Roy Dale, 158, Cincinnati, in a good fight. Downey, a strong and punishing fighter, was clearly outpointed in three of the first six rounds as Dale kept a snappy left in Downey's face. But from the seventh on the local pounded his foe to the final bell.

There were no knockdowns as Downey picked up a unanimous decision to up his record in twenty-three fights to 19-2-2. A crowd of about 2,000 sat in on Wayne Adams first promotion with veteran Jerry Fraser doing the matchmaking.

The semi-final of six rounds was close as Lawrence Hafey, 147, New Glasgow, just got in ahead of Maurice Jordon, 146, Cincinnati.

In another six, old foes, Archie Lee, 159, Halifax, and Levi Brown, 165, Preston, N.S. staged an all out war before the fight was called a draw. Lee was down in the fourth but was up after a nine count to come storming back. In the fifth he floored Brown with a right to the jaw good for an eight count. From the press row it looked like a Brown win by a shade.

Bobby Brake, 168, Fall River, N.S. stopped Danny Francis, 174, Shubenacadie, midway through the third in a fight in which Brake was in command all the way. Francis was making his pro debut.

Dick Gray, 147, Halifax, threw one punch and that was it for over-matched Butch Lavers, 146, Windsor, N.S.

READ THE RING

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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One such lad is Monroe Brooks, of Los Angeles.

Sacramento fans have taken a liking to Brooks and a better than average turnout was on hand to see Brooks decision veteran Juan Collado, 136, Dominican Republic, in 10 rounds.

Monroe, a fine boxer, weighed 137.

Avery Garabedian, 173, Fresno, and Polo Ramirez, 175, Mexico, drew (6); Jean Mateo, 159, Sacramento, and Felton Marshall, 157, Los Angeles, drew (6); Jesus Robles, 130, San Jose, decision over Luis Rodriguez, 127, Los Angeles, (6).

The gate was $6,279.

▲**Oakland**—Two "live" bouts were held in conjunction with the closed circuit TV showing of the brief Jimmy Ellis-Earnie Shavers heavyweight bout from Madison Square Garden.

Carlos Salinas, 163, San Jose, knocked out John Coiley, 161½, Boston in the seventh round. Tommy Greer, 139, Oakland, decisioned Vicente Hernandez, 137½, Oakland, (6).

▲**Inglewood**—Former world bantamweight champion Ruben Olivares established himself as a leader challenger for the featherweight crown by demolishing Bobby Chacon before 15,100 fans at the Forum.

For the 25-year-old Olivares, it was his first major triumph since losing his bantam title on a knockout to Rafael Herrera in March 1972.

Chacon, 21-year-old and winner of 19 straight, set the pace in the early rounds and appeared much stronger and sharper than Ruben. But, as the battle roared into the middle rounds, Olivares' body punching started to slow down Chacon.

By the seventh, the former champ was in command, hurting the youngster from the San Fernando Valley with crisp, short right hands to the head and body.

At the start of the ninth, Olivares scored with a right shot to the chin to drop Chacon for a nine count. Bobby fought back bravely and managed to finish the round. At this point, manager Joe Ponce called over referee Dick Young and asked the fight be stopped.

Olivares said he was in terrific condition and was eager to go after the featherweight championship.

Ruben gave Chacon plenty of credit and said he would be a champion some day. Chacon admitted he hadn't trained as hard as he should have.

The gate was $175,540 with each boxer collecting a $40,000 check. Olivares weighed 125, Chacon, 126.

Irish Jimmy Heair, 135, Los Angeles, ran his win streak up to 27 straight without a loss, stopping outmanned Rene (Mochila) Morgan, 133, Mexico City, in two rounds. Hugo Barazza, 129, Colombia, S.A., halted Urbano Davila, 128, Mexico City, (8); Bobby Hernandez, 135½, Los Angeles, KO over Kenny Brooks, 133½, Watts, (8).

▲**LOS ANGELES**—"Sweet Revenge" was all Oscar (The Shotgun) Albarado could talk about prior to his rematch with Dino Del Cid of Panama.

It was in the same Olympic Auditorium that Del Cid knocked out Oscar six weeks before in the second round.

Albarado, 155½, wasted no time, tearing into the Panamian as round one started. He continued his attack and after just 52 seconds into the second, Del Cid, 155, after sampling several potent left hooks, took the count.

Unbeaten Renato Garcia, 150, Santiago, Chile, knocked out Gustavo Garcia, 149½, Mexico, in a companion 10-rounder. Garcia, Renato, extended his streak to 15 straight, polishing off Gustavo in the 10th round.

Andy Price, 139½, Los Angeles, decisioned Lou Blades, 140, Pasadena, (6); Raul Centena, 126, East Los Angeles, decision over Guillermo Gonzalez, 132, Los Angeles, (4).

▲**SACRAMENTO**—Henry Clark, 216, San Francisco, managed to build up an early lead, then hold off Charlie James, 183, Los Angeles, to take a 10 round decision at Memorial Auditorium.

The crowd numbered 2,106 and the gate was $4,159.

Jean Mateo, 160, Sacramento, decisioned Felton Marshall, 158½, Los Angeles (8); Moses Carbin, 139, Los Angeles, KO over Tommy Howard, 139, Oakland, (6).

MANNIE GONZALES TOO CRAFTY FOR ●ROBERTO GOMEZ IN TAMPA●

By TOM EPHREM

Tampa, Fla. — As long as Mannie Gonzales can rely on scientific boxing ability against the likes of younger Roberto Gomez, the ole pro is going to be an awful tough hombre to beat. When the two met here Gomez was heading for a sure win, until the latter stages of the bout. Calling on years of experience that included a couple of shots at the welterweight title, Texan Mannie grabbed the lead and held it for a split decision triumph.

The loss for Gomez here was his second in as many appearances but the Puerto Rican still maintained a firm hold in popularity with the fans. He's a crowd-pleaser. Roberto was aggressive as ever, scoring at times with both hands to the head. Mannie took them in good stride, never upset but coming back with neat lefts to the head and body. He blocked many Gomez shots.

The closeness of this clash is revealed in the voting. Judge Sam Erhlich scored it for Gonzalez, 98-96; judge Bob Diaz was tighter at 96-85, Gonzalez; judge Derrell Brown tightest at 96-96, a draw. The fans booed each tabulation. Gonzalez weighed 152, and Gomez a pound less.

Nelson Alfonso, of Puerto Rico, turned in a one round knockout over Seme Black, of Memphis, and Reyes Santiago, of Puerto Rico, applied the same to Emmett Atlas, also Memphis, one round.

Much was expected in the Oliver Wright-Larry Reneaud heavyweight match but it didn't jell. Wright, of Jamaica, an Olympic star, won the eight rounder. Reneaud, of Canada, making Tampa his home, had opportunities, but failed to follow through. The nod was a split one.

Irish amateur light-heavy Mike McKinney kayoed Don Allen, of Melbourne, in the first round. Keith Lancaster promoted.

▲**Orlando**—With half the bout just about gone and the fans clamoring for more action and less fooling around, Andy Kendall, a ranking light-heavyweight responded to their wishes. Matter of fact, Amado Vasquez, who had dropped a decision to Kendall in their first meeting and was facing Andy a second time here, joined in the response.

For the second half both fighters gave the 2,343 fans a good battle. There was no question as to the winner. Kendall had worlds of experience and a damaging left hook to earn the unanimous decision. Vasquez, game to the core, was a marked man at the finish. The unexpected proved the night's entertainment as far as the people were concerned.

In a match between 44 year old Solomon McTier, former fighter, more recently a manager and trainer, and Henry Hall, the issue at stake was the "heavyweight championship of Central Florida", and this was to be a "grudge" affair. Hall started it off and carried the lead. McTier, with experience and savvy in his favor finally made his move which the tiring, fading Hall could not cope with. At conclusion, the decision went unanimously in favor of McTier, the fans gave them a standing ovation. Solomon may have struck a punch for men forty and over by his performance, while Henry was flabby.

Bobby Williams, Daytona Beach heavyweight, entered the pro ranks and won by a TKO over William Perry, of Orlando, in the second round. The fighters were tossing leather when a Williams blow connected with Perry's mouth, drawing the claret.

The fight was stopped then. Eddie Mitchell, of Orlando, won a split decision over Nat Shaver, of Eustis. The fans didn't like the call.

▲**Orlando**—Walter White, of Tampa, won the unanimous decision over Ronnie Wright, of Texas. Here are the undercard results:

Undefeated John Pinney, of Springfield, Missouri, now of Tampa, chalked another win, his victim being Lonnie Robbins, 168, of Altamonte Springs. Pinney has a draw to go along with his no-defeat column. The young middleweight, under Lou Viscusi's management and trained by Bill Gore, is a fine prospect. The good undercard provided the night's action unprovided by the main event.

In a sixer, Larry Peterson, 139½, Jacksonville, fought to a draw with James Solomon, of Orlando, who tipped 139. Jimmie Nixon, "Georgie Boy" his nickname, at 202, won his sixer with Tiger Brown, local 214 pounder.

In the eight round semi-final, Henry "Slick" Mitchell, of Jacksonville and Brunswick, tipping 157, was awarded a split decision over Victor Perez, 152, of Sanford, although booed.

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▲**Tampa**—How right they were. The Tampa Tribune and The Tampa Times didn't consider Tony Gardner a proper match for local idol Tony Licata. Both sports departments proved much better matchmakers than the promoter, Keith Lancaster.

Licata dropped the outclassed Gardner three times for a knockout in the second round. Licata's stablemate, former welterweight contender Mannie Gonzalez gave Tony the message, shoot an easy jab and follow it with a right hander. The orders were followed to a "T". The winner, at 158¼ and residing in Tampa, and Gardner at 154, and from Memphis.

In a local interest scrap, with the mythical welterweight championship (Florida) at stake, J. T. Dowe defeated Eddie Davis in 10 rounds. Davis had beaten Dowe early in J. T.'s career but here was sweet revenge. Dowe's left hooks were dominant and Davis, tough and in shape, took them well. The voting was: Judge Floyd Golden, 100-95; Judge Bob Diaz, 98-94, and Judge Derrell Brown, 98-93, all for Dowe.

Nelson Alfonso, a promising youngster from Puerto Rico and fighting out of Tampa, had a good name to add to his win column, Charley "Baby" Fullard, of Jacksonville. Alfonso scored three knockdowns on his way to a six round triumph over Fullard.

Reyes Santiago, Puerto Rico and Tampa, at 132, kayoed Toby Ray, 136¾, Tampa, in the fourth round. Santiago was razzed by the crowd of 1,500 for going down from a body shot during a clinch but referee Young Raymond lifted him up and made him continue. Maybe Raymond, a capable third man had a reason. By doing so, Santiago was able to score his victory.

ACTION IN EUROPE

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Atzori, now 31, held this title from 1969 until he was dethroned by Chervet, Switzerland, in 1972.

We have had only 12 European title fights so far this year compared with 15 in the first six months of 1972.

The world middleweight title fight in Monte Carlo between champion Carlos Monzon and Emile Griffith is no longer news. The 1973 record books will record that Monzon made a successful defense, winning on points. But not for the Italians, who still talk of Griffith being robbed and who consider the American to be the uncrowned world champion.

Referee Dr. Piero Brambilla, in charge of the bout, thought Monzon won, scoring 147-145. His opinion was supported by his two judges, Jean Balderou, France and German, Karl Perpeet, who scored 147-143 and 147-144, respectively. The scribes of the Italian newspapers mostly voted for Griffith.

Dr. Mario Minini of the "Corriere della Sera" scored it 146-145, Dr. Romolo Mombelli, "La Notti" 146-147 while Dr. Nando Pensa "Il Giorno" favored the American with a score reading 146-145. Ex world middleweight champion, Nino Benvenuti, Italy, now a commentator, gave it to Griffith 146-145 and Hans Benini, a prominent Italian reporter, had the challenger in front by one point.

Five prominents voting for the American gives cause for thought seeing that the challenger was an American and not a fellow countryman.

FRANCE

▲**Grenoble**—A 15,000 crowd saw their local matador Roger Menetrey, fail to dethrone world welterweight champion, Jose Napoles. The Frenchman stayed the course but to have booked him two rounds of the fifteen one had to be in a generous mood. Frenchmen dreaming of another Georges Carpentier or Marcel Cerdan got a rude awakening for it was obvious that Menetrey had stepped out of his class.

Jacques van Mellaerts, France, beat Artura Zuniga who was disqualified in round six. Frank Medina, France, outscored southpaw Walter Blaser, Switzerland, ten. Lightweight, Ould Marlouf, Algiers, beat Carmelo Coscia, the towel being thrown in during round three after he had been decked three times. Welterweight, Yves Leferant beat Robert Bavent, TKO7.

▲**Paris**—Welterweight, Yves Leferrandi outscored Jo Rodriguez, eight. Welterweight, Carlos Foldes outpointed Gilbert Osaldo, eight.

▲**Valenciennes**—Junior welterweight, Jean Pierre Younsi beat Bernard Creton, TKO6.

▲**Conflans**—Featherweight, Gilles Debret outscored Samuel Grunitzky, eight.

▲**St. Nazaire**—Felix Brami retained his French junior lightweight title outscoring Roland Cazeaux, twelve. Lightweight, Ernesto Miranda drew a ten rounder with Ali Issaoui.

▲**Rouen**—Middleweight, Joel LeGuern outpointed Michel Chapier, ten.

▲**Toulon**—Welterweight, Daniel Martin beat Daniel Letarte, TKO6.

ITALY

▲**Novara**—Fernando Atzori, Italy, won Fritz Chervet's vacated European flyweight title, beating Frenchman, Dominque Cesari, KO12. Cesari had a bad time in round eleven but at one time during the fight brought blood from Atzori's mouth. Rounds four and nine were all square.

▲**Lignano**—35 year-old Frenchman Jacques Kechichian, dethroned European junior middleweight champion Carlos Duran, Italy, who had seen two more winters than his challenger. German referee, Kurt Halbach, called a halt in round nine after the champion had been decked on four occasions.

▲**Rome**—Middleweight, Norberto Cabrera, Argentine, outpointed Giuseppe Panunzio, six.

▲**Regio Emilla**—Heavyweight, Bepi Ros, Italy, outscored Miguel Paez, Argentine, eight. Lightheavyweight, Dino Tarocco beat Guglielmo Spinello, KO1. Featherweight, Pasqualino Morbidelli decisioned Giovanni Cavazzini, six.

▲**Schio**—Middleweight, Luciano Sarti outscored Jacky Ben Lachemi, France, eight. Lightweight, Mario Saiu outpointed Body Guy.

▲**Bari**—Junior middleweight, Damiano Lassandro outscored Mario Favotto, eight.

▲**Bergamo**—Light heavyweight, Ennio Cometti beat Gilbert Montayne, KO3. Bantamweight, Ferdinando Ripamonti beat Norbert Barriere, TKO7.

▲**Naples**—Welterweight, Luciano Borraccia beat Salah Arafa, TKO5. Junior welterweight, Ernesto Bergamasco beat Jose Ungidos, eight.

▲**Turin**—Flyweight, Tarcisio Boi outscored Felippo Belvedere, six. Junior welterweight, Franco Versoli beat Salvatore Altomare who was disqualified in round five.

▲**Aviano**—Light heavyweight, Omelio Grando outscored Ivan Matekovic, six.

▲**Como**—Franco Sperati outpointed Giovanni Mura, twelve, to retain his Italian flyweight title. Featherweight, Almo Quaini outpointed Vincenzo di Ruocco, six.

▲**Ferni**—Junior middleweight, Vicenzo Petricco beat Silvano Bisheri, TKO2. Italian lightweight champion, Enzo Pizzoni retained his title drawing with Giuseppe Carbonara, twelve. Rocco Zecca drew with Ugo Di Pietro, eight.

▲**Milan**—Heavyweight, Giacinto Franzolini beat Lucio Urtasun, KO2. Welterweight, Miguel A. Campanino beat Adriano Rodriguez, TKO7. Middleweight, Antonio Castelini beat Gerard Nosley, TKO5. Light heavyweight, Renzo Grespan outscored Expedit Mountcho, eight. Junior welterweight, Andre Holyk, France, beat Luciano Laffranchi, TKO2.

▲**Siena**—Lightweight, Mario Saiu outscored Body Guy, eight. Featherweight, Natale Caredda beat Abu Arrow who was disqualified in round three.

▲**Genoa**—Junior welterweight, Giancarlo Usai beat Jacques Mamane, TKO6.

▲**Cremona**—Welterweight, Giovanni Molesini beat Franco Indelicato, KO2.

▲**Milan**—Heavyweight, Armando Zanini outscored Manuel Ramos, eight. Junior welterweight, Antonio Chiodoni drew with Romualdo D'Alo, eight. Lightweight, Vincenzo Quero outscored Paolo Russo, six. Flyweight, Emio Pireddu decisioned Luigi Paravati, six. Junior welterweight, Cosimo Convertino outpointed Ottavio Quaresmini, six.

SPAIN

▲**Zaragoza**—Fernando Bermejo outpointed Leonard Tavarez, eight. Lightweight, Perico Fernandez beat Manuel Alcala, TKO5. Lightweight, Paperito Jimenez drew with Juan Pena over eight rounds.

▲**Madrid**—Lightweight, Gomez Fous outscored Felix Romero, eight. Jeronimo Lucas beat Pedro Coque, TKO5. Featherweight, Jose Rico beat Felipe Gonzalez, TKO4. Francisco Larxe beat Nino Jiminez, TKO2.

▲**Gijon**—Rodolfo Garcia outscored Ramon Garcia, twelve, with the Spanish featherweight title at stake.

▲**Benetuser**—Junior welterweight, Antonio Molina beat Ben Hussein, KO3.

▲**Madrid**—Lightweight, Gomez Fouz outscored Juan Pena, eight. Featherweight, Jose Naves outscored Corochito Diaz, eight.

▲**La Coruna**—Welterweight, Gonzales Dopico outscored Angel Guinaldo, ten. Mimoun Mohatar outpointed Famoso Dongil, eight.

▲**San Sebastian**—Junior welterweight, Marcos Paperito Jiminez beat Guillermo Perez, KO2. Horacio Ruiz beat Jesus Zarco, TKO2. Middleweight, Manuel Larraza beat Manuel Velasco, TKO2.

▲**Miranda**—Bantamweight, Pedro Molledo outscored Fernando Gabino, eight.

▲**Madrid**—Welterweight, Mimoun Mohatar decisioned Daniel Makre, KO5. Bantamweight, Bermaldez decisioned Manuel Ramos, eight.

▲**Sante Cruz**—Welterweight, Domingo Barrerra Corpas beat Angel Guinaldo who was disqualified in round five. Moises Fajardo beat Cloformo Cabrera, TKO6.

▲**Tolosa**—Paperito Jimenez beat Carlos Almedia, TKO4.

▲**Valencia**—Featherweight, Gitano Jiminez beat Antonio Villasante, TKO5. Middleweight, Dum Dum Pacheco beat Manuel Carracela, KO3.

BELGIUM

▲**St. Vith**—Light heavyweight, Christian Mossoux beat Jose Maver TKO3. Lightweight, Jean Louis Carrera drew a six rounder with German, Rolf Kersten.

DENMARK

▲**Copenhagen**—Light heavyweight, Tom Bogs, Denmark, outscored Vicente Rondon, Venezuela, ten, in a dull affair which cost the visitor a $1,000 fine. The 3,000 crowd showed disapproval in no uncertain manner. Welterweight, Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, outscored Eddie Blay, Ghana, ten. Junior middleweight, Christian Larsen, Denmark, beat Giovanni Stella, Italy, who was disqualified in the third. Middleweight, Mario Almanzo, Italy, beat Tom Jensen, Denmark, TKO4. Junior welterweight, Erkki Meronen, Finland, beat Carlo Sambusiti, Italy, TKO4 to bring his victories to twenty.

NORWAY

▲**Oslo**—Junior lightweight, Sven Erik Paulsen, Norway, decisioned Nevio Carbi, Italy, ten. Junior welterweight, Kristian Hoydahl, Norway and Raul Molina, Mexico, drew an eight rounder. Junior lightweight, Helenio Ferreira, Argentine, beat Bruno Pieraci, Italy, TKO8. Heavyweight, Harold Skog, Norway, decisioned Mongol Ortiz, Mexico, six.

CORSICA

▲**Ajaccio**—Daniel Vermandere retained his French featherweight title beating Michel Jamet, TKO8.

TURKEY

▲**Istanbul**—Cemal Kamaci, Turkey, lost his European junior welterweight title, losing narrowly on points to Spaniard, Tony Ortiz, over fifteen rounds. Kamaci built up a lead on points in the first half dozen rounds but once he got cut in round seven around the left eye he began to slow up. The champion lacked a punch to stop the clever Ortiz, whose final effort snatched the title. The three officials turned in a two to one vote in favor of the Spaniard. Referee was German, Rudolf Drust. This was Kamaci's first defense since winning the title beating Roger Zami in October.

GERMANY

▲**Northeim**—Hans Dieter Oestreich promoted in the open air but only around 600 of the 3,000 seats were occupied. Junior welterweight, Jurgen Voss, Germany, outpointed Adolf Potkovic, Yugoslavia, four. Heavyweight, Eduard Fuchs beat Rainer Sydok, KO2. Middleweight, Hans Dieter Schwartz, Germany, outscored Mohamed Nefzi, Tunis, six. Light heavyweight, Karsten Honhold, beat Fellow German, Hans Micheal, TKO3.

European junior lightweight champion, Lothar Abend, Germany, sparred four rounds with Boualem Belouard, Tunis.

AUSTRIA

▲**Graz**—European junior lightweight champion Lothar Abend, Germany, beat Beloualem Belouard, Tunis, KO2, in a non title affair.

▲**Graz**—Franz Kalal's show drew a crowd of only five hundred. Nojim Maiyegun, Nigeria, beat Epifanio Collado, Spain, KO2. European junior lightweight champion, Lothar Abend, Germany, won a non-title affair over ten rounds with fellow German, Klaus Jacoby. Spanish companion, Jorge Fernandez lost on points to Clemente Tsinza, eight. Rudi Koopmans outpointed Burlan Yesilbag, six rounds. Fritz Kohler, Austria, beat Gunter Valtinke, KO5.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

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show and although tense at the start outscored Barry Clough, Stoke, 177, by 30-29½ over six, punching more accurately against a tough opponent.

And those who were able to stay until the last fight of the night (or early morning), which ended at 12:45 a.m., threw "nobbins" into the ring after Jamaican-born Des Morrison, St. Ives, 143½, a stablemate of Joe Bugner, won the Southern Area welterweight title by outpointing the holder, Ricky Porter, Swindon, 145½, over 12 rounds by 59¾-58¼.

When they met for the vacant crown last year Porter won on points, and it was such a good scrap that it too earned "nobbins."

This one was just as good. Morrison was on top for the first six rounds, and slowed Porter up considerably with hard right hands. Ricky did rally briefly, and contested every exchange, but his left eye was cut and swollen, and his nose bled.

Rights to the body from Porter kept Morrison at bay momentarily, but he kept ahead by more accurate punching.

▲**Top Rank Suite, Swansea**—Dennis Avoth, Cardiff, 185, kept his Welsh heavyweight title by easily outpointing Gene Innocent, Cardiff, 196½, over ten rounds.

Apart from one moment in the fifth, when Innocent shook his opponent with a right hook, it was practically all Avoth, who kept busy and as Gene tired so Dennis put on the pressure.

McCluskie, Maesteg, 159, knocked out Jeff Burns, Swansea, 157, in the eighth to win the vacant Welsh middleweight crown.

Burns was decked for two in the second, then floored again by a left hook in the righth. He rose at "eight," but was dazed, and he was counted out.

Mike Manley, Pontypool, 160, outpointed Les Avoth, Cardiff, 161½, by 29½-29¼ over six. Manley put his punches together better.

Ray Thorogood, Cardiff, 148, drew with Eric Williams, Llandielo, 140, over six "twos." In the final session Williams floored his man, but Thorogood got up to put Williams on the canvas.

▲**Blackpool**—Boston heavyweight Peter Freeman, 197, is rapidly establishing a reputation as a lethal puncher. He gained his eighth quick win in nine bouts by stopping Guinea Roger, Nigeria, 182, after 2 min. 32 sec. of the fifth, flooring him in the fourth and fifth.

Roger did well for two rounds, but couldn't concede the weight, and from the third Freeman took over. He jabbed well with his left and in the fifth a right cross put Roger down for five. When he rose unsteadily, referee Ron Hackett intervened.

Maxie Smith, Stockton, 177, outscored late substitute Graham Sines, Wandsworth, 178, over eight rounds by 40-38¼, but the scoreline didn't seem a true reflection of Sines' efforts.

Smith punched the more accurately, yet was fully extended until Sines' got an eye injury which handicapped him in the two final rounds. An all-action fight which was generously applauded.

Dave Parris, Tottenham, 182, outpointed Nigel Williams, Buckley, 184, by 29¾-29¼ over six. Buckley had won his three previous bouts at this venue.

Lloyd Stewart, Sheffield, 182, got off to a good start as a pro by knocking out Alex Pernasky, Alfreton, 180, in four after flooring him for eight in the third.

▲**Govan Town Hall**—Former British lightweight champion Jim Watt, Glasgow, 137½, stopped Southern Area title-holder Noel McIvor, Luton, 138, in four, the latter sustaining a cut left eye that caused referee Sid Nathan's intervention.

Watt appeared in front at the time, but it was unfortunate for McIvor that their previous meeting ended by injury also.

Danny McCafferty, Glasgow, 163, drew with Johnny Rushton, Doncaster, 161, over eight. The Scot looked all over a winner in the early rounds, with Rushton gaining in confidence as the fight progressed.

McCafferty hooked and jabbed to good effect for four rounds, but Rushton took it all, then came back well with body attacks. The Scot's right eye was cut in the sixth, and they slammed at each other, defenses forgotten, in the last two rounds.

Tony Bagshaw, Hull, 151½, gained a narrow verdict over John Smith, Glasgow, 152¾, by 39½-39¼ over eight "twos."

Bagshaw, handicapped by a cut over the left eye in the fourth, deserved his victory, showing aggression and good jabbing.

Later Bagshaw scored with good right crosses, and Smith seemed taken out of his stride by the persistency of his opponent, fighting mainly in short bursts.

John McKnight, Glasgow, 122, had things all his own way against Al Hutcheon, Glasgow, 122, over six, winning by 30-29. McKnight just kept boxing, punched accurately, and Hutcheon was a weary man at the close.

▲**Premier Ring Sporting Club**—Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 144, scored his sixth quick win in succession by stopping Pat Marshall, Bristol, in five.

Marshall strongly contested this one, but the skill came from Hardiman, who got a cut on the left eyebrow which bled profusely and needed three stitches.

Hardiman varied his punching well and was well on top, Marshall too getting a cut left eye.

Billy Brooks, Stepney, 161½, outscored Joey Gammon, Shoreditch, 160, over six by 29¾-29½. Taking part in his first pro fight, Gammon threw some good punches from both hands, but Brooks showed more accuracy.

Pat Thompson, Islington, 175½, drew with Alan Butters, Lymington, 176, over six. A good result, with Thompson boxing well early on, and southpaw Butters showing aggression over the final rounds.

▲**St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow**—Scotland's welterweight champion Alan Reid, South Queenferry, 152, outscored Tommy Joyce, Doncaster, 149, over eight by 39¾-39. Reid's aggression was the deciding factor.

The Scot jabbed well with his left, and in the third got home with a couple of good rights to the body. But the Doncaster boxer did better in the next two rounds, only for Reid to come again in the final rounds.

Billy Belnavis, Wolverhampton, 125, broke the unbeaten record of Alan (brother of Ken) Buchanan, Edinburgh, 129, outpointing him over six by 29½-29¼.

Buchanan showed a lot of aggressiveness for the first half of the fight, but Belnavis kept hooking and swinging to win the last three rounds.

A good debut for former Scottish amateur international Henry Cooper, Larkhall, 160, who outpointed Dave Nelson, Wolverhampton, 161½, by 30-28¾ over six. Nelson was not in the same class as the Scot, who boxed superbly.

Derek Simpson, Kilmarnock, 147, outpointed Henry Rhiney, Luton, 152, over eight by 39¾-39. Simpson kept on the attack, and Rhiney faded after a good start.

▲**Civic Hall, Wolverhampton**—Larry Paul, Wolverhampton, 154, knocked out Central Area middleweight champion Pat Dwyer, Liverpool, 159, in the second round. It was the first time that Dwyer had heard "ten" counted over him in his seven-year pro career, and it was a few minutes before he was able to leave the ring.

A fine win for Paul, his sixth in a row since turning pro, and elevating him to within reach of a British title shot, either at middleweight or the new division of light-middleweight.

Promoter Alex Griffiths who also manages Paul, has a fine capture here.

Paul started as he meant to go on, wading into his opponent from the first bell and immediately getting home with a combination of punches to the chin that sent Dwyer backwards, and glad to hold on.

Pat went down, but signified that he thought he had been pulled down, then ran into a succession of left jabs to the face and clinched again.

The Central Area champion ducked and dodged to try and keep out of trouble, but Paul was in no mood to delay matters. A left hook to the jaw and a following right cross put Pat down for eight.

On rising he tried to take evasive action, but Paul backed him into a corner, then unleashed a fusilade, culminating in a left hook to the chin that sent his opponent to the floor laying on the bottom rope, half in and half out of the ring. In this position he was counted out.

Former ABA champion Trevor Francis, Basingstoke, 149, stopped late substitute Harry Scott, Bootle, 156, in the seventh, Scott afterwards announced his retirement from the ring. He was Britain's longest-serving pro, in action with a 13-year career.

Scott is 35, and will best be remembered for his victory over Rubin Carter, who was at that time a leading contender for the world title.

Against Francis, Harry looked as if he was going to show yet again that he is still capable of beating any young prospect, as he floored his man in the second round. But Trevor rose at five, and thereafter was in no trouble.

The left jab of Francis landed on his opponent's face with monotonous regularity, but Scott never stopped coming forward. Then, as Francis got home with following rights, Harry was taking more and more punches until referee John Coyle decided he had taken enough.

Tim Wood, Leicester, 187, drew with Charlie White, Northampton, 203, over eight. A close one, but the fact that Wood did not seem as sharp as usual should not be allowed to detract from the efforts of White.

As long as Wood boxed, he was all right. When he got involved at close-quarters, then the heavier White took full advantage of his opponent's tactics.

Wood's aggression in the middle rounds put him in front, only for White to rally in the closing sessions.

Billy Baggott, Birmingham, 173, made a successful pro debut by stopping Lloyd Stewart, Halifax, 181, in five. Baggott was always aggressive, and although many of his punches were wild he kept going to subdue Stewart, who was floored in the fifth before referee Coyle intervened just as the bell sounded the end of the round.

Another debutant won when Steve Angell, Hemel Hempstead, 146, easily outpointed Johnny Jennings, Birmingham, 147, over six "twos." Four times Jennings was floored, but each time he came back and looked to finish the stronger of the two, opening a cut over Angell's left eye.

▲**National Sporting Club, London**—John Mitchell, Kirkcaldy, 120, put up the best performance of his career in outpointing Welsh bantam champion Colin Miles, Cardiff, 120½, over eight by 39½-39. Miles had been comparatively inactive in recent months, and he took a while to get his timing, but Mitchell was worth his win.

Mitchell jabbed accurately and often in the first two rounds, Miles got into the fight in the third, shaking his man with a left hook to the face, then switching to the body with good results.

But Mitchell was far from finished, and calling upon reserves of strength, sailed into his man in the two final rounds to clinch the issue.

Jim Melrose, Glasgow, 138½, was also impressive in outpointing Alan Salter, Peckham, 140, by 40-38¼ over eight.

Southpaw Melrose jabbed to target, decked his man for five in the second, only for Salter to get up and fight back strongly. Melrose then revealed that he can counterpunch also, and Salter finished with an injured nose.

Mick Hussey, Islington, 161, outscored Billy Brooks, Kilburn, 164½, over six by 29¾-29 in an all action bout.

Alan Butters, Lymington, 180, also gained a six-rounds points win over Pat Thompson, Islington, by 29¾-29½. In their first meeting a week earlier the result was a draw.

▲**Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham**—Over ten "twos" Joe Gregory, Mitcham, 159½, outscored Jamaican Len Gibbs, St. Pancras, 156¾, in their fourth meeting. Previously they had won one each, with one draw.

The taller Gregory made full use of his longer reach and boxed well. His neat left jabbing was in contrast to Gibbs' two-handed aggression, and the latter did well at close quarters.

Gibbs had the greater experience, but Gregory never lost his poise and just about deserved his 49-48¾ scoreline.

Last year's Olympic representative Maurice Hope, Hackney, 155½, made a fine pro debut by outpointing John Smith, Glasgow, 155, over eight by 40-38.

Southpaw Hope was in command throughout, did all the forcing, and all Smith had to offer was his courage and determination to keep going, whatever the odds.

Keith Nugent, Stoke, 152, had too much strength and hitting-power for Dennis Brannigan, Middlesbrough, 151½, knocking him out in the fourth with a right to the jaw.

There was too much clinching in the bout between Jimmy Corrigan, Doncaster, 148½, and George Salmon, Stoke, 145¼, won on points by Corrigan over six rounds, score 29¾-29½.

▲**National Sporting Club, London**—Trevor Francis, Basingstoke, 149, scored a comfortable points win over John Smith, Glasgow, 152, by 40-38 over eight.

Smith was a late substitute and put up his usual game display against a man superior in skill. The Scot tried hard in the opening session to bustle Francis out of it, but thereafter Francis was in control.

Alan Buchanan, Edinburgh, 130½, gained revenge for a previous defeat by outpointing Billy Belnavis, Wolverhampton, 130½, outpointing him over eight by 39¾-39.

Last time the result was disputed. This time there could be no dispute. Buchanan took charge from the opening bell, and Belnavis was down for eight in the third from a right to the head.

Although tiring slightly in the later stages, Buchanan landed enough scoring puches to keep him on top.

Joey Deriu, Cardiff, 121, stopped Ray Scott, Liverpool, 122, at the end of the fourth. It was the latter's debut, and he was outpunched.

Billy Brooks, Kilburn, 165, outscored Dave Nelson, Wolverhampton, 164, over six, by 30-29½.

▲**Bedfordshire Sporting Club**—Mario Stango, Bedford, 127½, scored his fourth straight win by outpointing Jim McAuley, Belfast, 131, over eight "twos" by 39¾-38½.

This was McAuley's first bout in three years, and this was evident at times, but he looked to be a bit closer than the scoreline suggests.

George Salmon, Halifax, 144½, stopped Pat McAleese, Bedford, 142, who sustained cuts, the referee intervening in the fourth.

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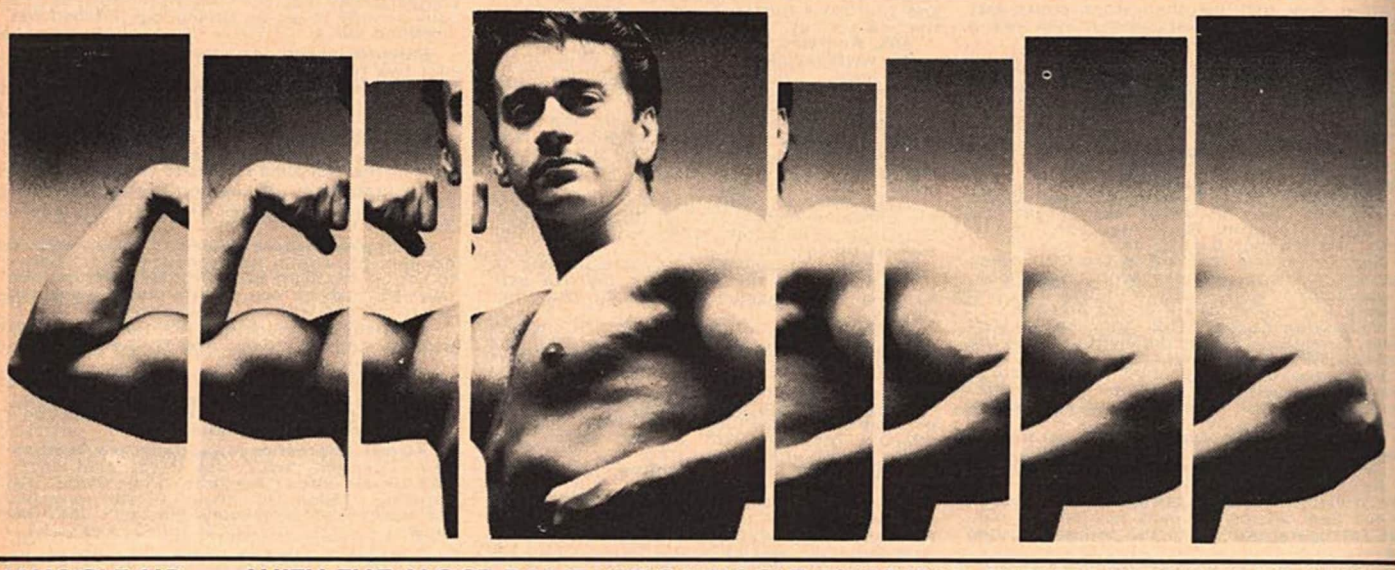

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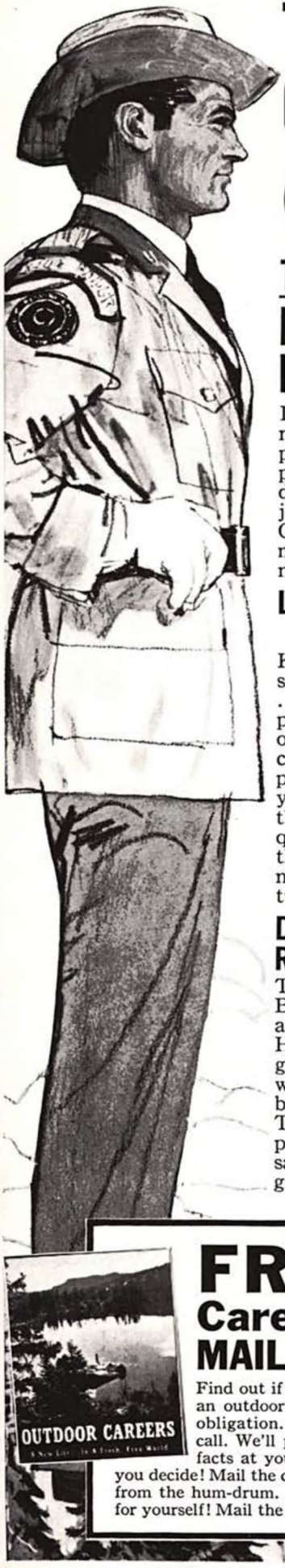

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